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Van Buren voters face a full slate on March 10

2 millage renewals, 2 increases on ballot, along with primary contenders

By ROD SMITH
HP Correspondent

PAW PAW — Van Buren County voters on March 10 will be deciding on four millage issues – two of them renewal requests and two increases – along with choosing among presidential primary candidates.

The renewals are for roads and public transit. The requested increases are for veterans and special education students.

The Van Buren County Road Commission is asking for 0.9769 mills for roads for four years, beginning in 2020. Road commission officials stress that this is a renewal of an existing millage – not the 3 mills for 12 years that voters rejected twice in 2018.

"This is a renewal millage," said Dan Bishop, the road commission's managing director. "It's been around since 1978."

"This millage is for repaving roads, sealcoating roads ... things of that nature," Bishop said. "It's not for pothole repair or plowing roads." The money for filling potholes and plowing comes from the state gasoline tax.

The county road commission customarily uses local funds to match grants to get bigger projects done.

Officials estimate the levy will bring in $3.32 million the first year.

A mill is $1 of tax per $1,000 of taxable valuation of a property. Generally the taxable value is half, or less than half, of the assessed value. The owner of a property with a taxable valuation of $50,000 – worth at least $100,000 on the market – would pay about $49 a year at 0.9769 mills.

Some of the money will go to townships, villages and cities that have downtown development authorities, tax increment financing authorities, local development financing authorities and brownfield redevelopment authorities.

The Van Buren Intermediate School District is asking voters for permission to raise the current 3.3177 mills for special education by 0.90-mills, beginning this year and running until 2024. The total millage would be 4.2177 mills. If approved, revenue would increase by about $3.7 million annually.

The money would be used in two ways, according to ISD Superintendent Jeffrey Mills. Part would be used for upgrades to the Bert Goens Learning Center, and potentially for some programs at Bangor's Behavioral Education Center.

"The other portion of the monies will be used to increase our special education reimbursement to the local school districts," Mills said. The ISD serves the school districts in Bangor, Bloomingdale, Covert, Decatur, Gobles, Hartford, Lawrence, Lawton, Mattawan,

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Dream home ... nightmare ending

Louise Wrege / HP staff

The deck of Bruce Smothers' house on Notre Dame Avenue in Stevensville, shown here Wednesday, has already fallen into Lake Michigan. He decided to tear it down before the entire house fell into the lake.

Stevensville man has house demolished before lake claims it

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

STEVENSVILLE — Bruce Smothers of Stevensville saw his dream of retiring in a house overlooking Lake Michigan torn down Wednesday.

But he's not letting it bring his spirits down.

"It's a nice view. It's opened up a lot," he joked Wednesday while watching workers take the four-bedroom house on Notre Dame Avenue apart piece by piece.

He said he has known this day was coming for the around five years.

"We're tearing it down because it's like a slow-motion disaster," he said. "It's going into the lake slowly. I'm still not really in jeopardy, but it's coming."

Before demolition crews arrived, the house's porch had already fallen into the lake, and part of the foundation was exposed, undermining the house. Workers are expected to finish tearing the house down today.

Smothers said he wanted to get it torn down before March, when storms typically batter the shoreline.

"It's only going to take one more storm and at least part of my house is going to go in," he said. "I'm still responsible if it falls in. It's my property."

A backhoe on Wednesday takes apart Smolders' home piece by piece. Demolition is expected to conclude today.

Smothers said it is costing him about $8,000 to tear the home down now.

"If it fell in the lake, it'd (cost) over $150,000, because you've got to drag it up (the bluff)," he said of the house he bought 15 years ago.

At one time, he said the home and the five acres it sits on were worth $1.5 million. Now he estimates the property is worth about $900,000.

Smothers said he shut the utilities off and moved out about two weeks ago.

Once the house is down, he anticipates it will cost around $480,000 to rebuild the bluff on the property.

"It's my land and I've got to protect the rest of the land that I've got," he said.

If he doesn't rebuild the bluff, he said the lake will end up consuming all of his property. But he said that's going to happen one day, anyway.

"All we're doing is buying time," he said. "Sooner or later, the lake's going to blow down the bluff."

Smothers said he bought the house in 2004 and moved into it in 2007, after renovating it. Because he is claustrophobic, he said he had 19 sets of French doors and 11 skylights put in.

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BRUCE SMOTHERS
Homeowner

Smothers' house isn't the first Lake Michigan home to be demolished this year due to erosion. Shoreline property throughout the Great Lakes faces threats from high water levels and erosion. Lake Michigan experienced near-record high water levels in 2019, with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers predicting the lake could rise another 12 inches by this spring.

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Ibrahim Parlak, center, discusses a story written by a Turkish news outlet that has covered his case in the United States, during a news conference Wednesday at Cafe Gulistan in Harbert. The restaurateur's immigration case is again being appealed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

'I just want to have my freedom'

Parlak case again appealed by Homeland Security

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

HARBERT — Nearly two years after Ibrahim Parlak was granted safe haven in the U.S., the Turkish native is again being brought back to appellate court.

With several documents and reports piled in front of him, Parlak held a news conference Wednesday afternoon at Cafe Gulistan in Harbert to discuss the ramifications of a brief that the Department of Homeland Security filed to deport him to Turkey.

"It's hard to understand why the government has been fighting this case the way they've been," Parlak said. "I've been peacefully living in the United States for last 30 years. What is the purpose of throwing me in front of (the) lion?"

Parlak spent years seeking refuge under Convention Against Torture (CAT) – an international law that protects refugees from being returned under threat of torture or death.

In July 2018, Immigration Judge Katheryn Deangelis ruled the Harbert restaurateur's fear for his well-being, if he were deported to

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Paw Paw and South Haven.

Subtracting what the state chipped in during the 2017-18 school year, local districts spent $8 million on special education. Of that, the ISD reimbursed the districts by $1 million. Should the increased millage pass, that reimbursement will rise another $2 million.

Work on the Learning Center and Behavioral Center is expected to run $8.5 million. Planned Learning Center renovations include a new HVAC system, new classroom floors, asphalting the parking lots, new doors and ceiling tiles, plus remodeling the Special Services Facility.

If the millage is approved, the owner of that hypothetical $50,000 property (in taxable value) would see property taxes rise by $45 per year, to about $211. The county itself is asking for two millages – a renewal and an increase.

The increase request is for a 0.10-mill levy for veterans over four years.

"It will replace what is called the 'Solider and Sailors Relief Commission' millage and that was 0.025," said County Administrator John Faul. If the 0.10 mills is approved, the 0.025-mill levy will be canceled, making the increase, in effect, 0.0975 mills. The levy, if approved, would run $5 a year on that $50,000 property, as opposed to the current $1.25.

The current millage is strictly for indigent veterans. If the new millage passes, according to Faul, an additional staff member will be hired and the program will be expanded.

"We haven't quite defined what those (expanded programs) are yet," Faul said. "We've seen a growing need for veterans services." Local vets had asked for the expansion of the program. Local vets also will be asked what services are needed if the millage passes.

Faul said there are around 5,000 veterans in the county. Under the current millage, the county spends $30 per person now. If this passes, that will be increased to $80.

The new millage would raise an estimated $339,744 when first levied.

The remaining countywide millage is the renewal of 0.2471 mills for public transit, for four years. In 2020 it should bring in approximately $800,000, if renewed.

"If it doesn't pass we will lose 45 percent of the operating budget," Faul said.

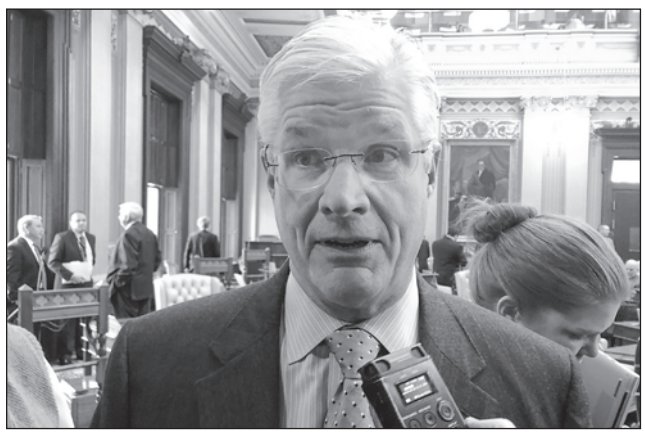
For the $50,000 property, the millage represents about $12 of the tax bill.

Like the road millage, some of the money for the veterans and transit millage will go to townships, villages and cities that have downtown development authorities, tax increment financing authorities, local development financing authorities and brownfield redevelopment authorities.

In addition to the four countywide millage requests, there is one township request. That's in Antwerp Township, which encompasses Mattawan, Lawton and the east side of Paw Paw. The township is asking for 1.0 mills for five years for roads, including potentially widening state trunk line highways.

GOP leader nixes bill to process surge of absentee ballots

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press



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Michigan Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey, R-Clarklake, speaks to reporters inside the Senate in Lansing on Dec. 10. Shirkey is opposing legislation that would ease Michigan election clerks' ability to process an expected influx of absentee ballots, saying it would set a "dangerous precedent." Shirkey's stance makes it unlikely that the proposed change will be enacted before the November presidential election.

LANSING — A top Republican lawmaker on Wednesday came out in opposition to legislation that would ease Michigan election clerks' ability to process an expected surge of absentee ballots and avoid a delay in releasing results, saying it would set a "dangerous precedent."

Local officials want legislators to let them start opening return envelopes for absentee ballots the day before Election Day. The actual ballots would still stay inside secrecy envelopes until counting on Election Day.

As of Tuesday, the number of absentee ballot applications was at 703,400 for the March 10 presidential primary, up 70.5 percent from 412,425at the same pointin 2016. The figures have jumped since voters approved a ballot initiative in 2018 that allows people to vote absentee for any reason, according to Democratic Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson's office. The number of returned ballots was at 245,874 three weeks before the primary, up 48 percent from 165,947 four years ago.

While the bill was not expected to be approved in time for the primary, Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey's stance means the proposed change may not be enacted before the November presidential election in a key battleground presidential state.

Shirkey, of Clarklake, said he understands clerks' concerns, but he wants to see how the current process works.

"I don't necessarily think we should be trying to solve a problem before it actually occurs, number one," he told reporters. "And number two, what's being proposed in terms of them setting them up by partially opening, I believe that's the nose of the camel underneath the tent toward early voting, early counting – which I'm very opposed to. ... If I had to choose between early voting, early counting versus late reporting, I'll take late reporting all day long."

When asked if he will sign off on the legislation, which cleared the GOP-led Senate Elections Committee on a 5-0 vote last week, Shirkey said: "I think it's a dangerous precedent." The bill and another one, which would let clerks have a subsequent shift of workers in absentee voter counting boards as long as no one leaves until after the polls close, are sponsored by Republican Sen. Ruth Johnson of Holly, a former secretary of state.

The measures would apply to cities or townships with at least 10,000 registered voters.

Johnson said some municipalities will have to handle between 60,000 and 80,000 absentee ballots. Allowing them to pre-process ballots a day earlier would save time, she said.

"I think this strikes the perfect balance of protecting integrity and giving the clerks some tools to be able to get ready for the processing of the ballots only on Election Day starting at 7 a.m. when the polls open," she said.

Benson has urged lawmakers to let absentee ballots be counted before Election Day.

"Sen. Shirkey is ignoring simple math, facts and the expertise of the clerks who administer our elections," spokesman Jake Rollow said. "He's also posturing to make the bills that recently passed the Senate Elections Committee look like the middle ground when experts unanimously say they don't go far enough."

Johnson, who was secretary of state from 2011 through 2018, said she had not had an opportunity to discuss her bills with Shirkey, adding that there is "some confusion" on the difference between processing ballots and getting them ready to be processed.

Separately Wednesday, the GOP-led House voted 106-2 to send the Senate a bill that would let local clerks join together to form absentee voter counting boards. The sponsor, Republican Rep. Julie Calley of Portland, cited clerks' concerns about processing many more absentee ballots.

"Some of our smaller communities may not have the workforce or equipment they need to establish their own AV counting board," she said. "This will allow them to pool resources with others so they can process absentee ballots in a more efficient manner."

University of Michigan investigates doctor sex abuse claims

By JEFF KAROUB, MIKE HOUSEHOLDER and KATHLEEN FOODY
Associated Press

ANN ARBOR — Five former patients have alleged that a late University of Michigan physician sexually abused them during exams, with one accuser saying Dr. Robert E. Anderson's actions over several decades made him a "sexual predator."

A spokesman acknowledged that some university employees were aware of accusations against the doctor prior to a 2018 complaint that led to a police investigation.

"It is our understanding from the police investigation that there were rumors and some indication that U-M staff members were aware of Dr. Anderson's inappropriate medical exams," said spokesman Rick Fitzgerald.

Robert Julian Stone told The Associated Press that Anderson assaulted him during a medical appointment at the university's health center in 1971. Stone said he alerted university officials last summer, inspired by the national #MeToo movement against sexual misconduct.

Stone was first interviewed by The Detroit News, which began reporting on the allegations before the university announced the investigation. Stone, who is 69, said he contacted the newspaper because he felt "stonewalled" by the university when he sought documentation on the investigation this year.

"Finally, the university has understood that this is something that needs to be addressed in a public fashion," Stone said Wednesday, speaking hours after the university in Ann Arbor released a statement that an outside, independent investigation has been launched into the allegations against Anderson.

The former director of University Health Service and an athletic team physician worked at Michigan from the 1960suntil his retirement in 2003. He died in 2008. The school said it has set up a hotline for others who have information to come forward.

The Associated Press doesn't typically identify sexual assault victims but Stone spoke publicly to The News and The AP.

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PARLAK

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Turkey, was well-founded.

But now Parlak's status under the CAT protection is being threatened.

DHS filed a brief on Jan. 29 appealing the 2018 ruling that Parlak remain in the country under the protection of CAT.

According to the brief, DHS is claiming that conditions in Turkey have changed in the past two years, so it is now safe for Parlak to return.

"The government's main argument is that I won't be tortured, but I've been there before. I spent two years in Turkish jail," Parlak said. "The conditions are as bad as ever."

The briefing is scheduled through the Board of Appeals, where DHS filed its brief and Parlak's camp submitted their brief in response on Tuesday.

Parlak's brief was prepared by Michael Deutsch and Janine Holt of the People's Law Office in Chicago, along with help from Robert Carpenter – who has worked with Parlak over the past few years on his deportation case.

Parlak's counsel is making the argument that the judge's 2018 decision was correct and that Kurdish conditions in Turkey remain unsafe.

"I just want to have my freedom," Parlak said. "Let's hope that at some point the government will realize enough is enough and stop wasting taxpayers' money."

Tony Wittkowski / HP staff

Ibrahim Parlak discusses his immigration case Wednesday during a news conference at Cafe Gulistan in Harbert.

Parlak, 57, has spent more than half his life in the U.S.

During Wednesday's new conference, Parlak revealed that he checks in on what's happening in Turkey nearly every night before he goes to bed.

"We have some hour differences," he said on the timeliness of his readings. "I check in on the headlines and see what's going on in general."

U.S. Rep. Fred Upton, R-St. Joseph, released a statement Wednesday in support of Parlak.

Having introduced private legislation for Parlak in the past, Upton said they are looking into what can be done on his end.

"I've been briefed on the latest developments. Ibrahim's safety and well-being remain one of our top priorities," Upton wrote. "He is a well-respected and revered pillar of the community who is a model immigrant, loving father, small business owner and a friend to many. We'll continue to seek out ways to assist Ibrahim and do all we can to fight injustice."

Parlak, who became a fixture in the south Berrien community when he opened Cafe Gulistan in Harbert, had filed a motion with the Board of Immigration in 2015 to see if he could remain in the country under the CAT.

The board agreed with Parlak's argument that conditions in Turkey had worsened significantly to merit another look at the dangers he potentially faces. However, it took another three years – and several roadblocks from DHS – to secure the ruling he had long sought.

While a CAT ruling doesn't provide a path to permanent residence or citizenship, it does protect him from being deported to Turkey.

It's been a long legal battle for Parlak.

Prior to the July 2018 ruling, Parlak was being given one-year extensions on his deferral of deportation from DHS while waiting for the Board of Immigration to reopen the CAT case.

After his case was opened for re-examination, Parlak received a government brief a few months later that argued against his motion. The U.S. government argued Turkey hadn't changed much in the 15 years since Parlak's previous request was first considered and denied.

Parlak's original request for relief through CAT was denied in 2005 on the basis that Turkey's treatment of the Kurdish people was improving as the nation pursued reforms to become a member of the European Union.

Parlak first came to the U.S. in 1991.

In his initial asylum application, Parlak disclosed his association with a Turkish separatist organization in the late 1980s – called the Kurdistan Workers Party – included his involvement in an armed skirmish at the Turkish border.

This had led to his imprisonment in Turkey.

In 1992, the Immigration and Naturalization Service determined Parlak had a credible fear of returning to Turkey, and granted him asylum.

However, DHS later stepped in and said Parlak did not disclose he was arrested in another country in his application for permanent U.S. residency. They labeled him a potential terrorist and began efforts to deport him, setting off a decades-long public fight over his plight.

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As Trump ups attacks on Justice Dept, Barr remains in post

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Even as President Donald Trump renewed his public attacks on the Justice Department on Wednesday, there was little outward worry from either end of Pennsylvania Avenue that Attorney General William Barr would follow through on his private threat to resign over presidential meddling.

Barr's suggestion that he may quit over the president's tweets left many close to Trump questioning whether the attorney general really was considering stepping aside, instead believing he was trying to quell an internal uproar at the Department of Justice and bolster his own reputation and his ability to act on Trump's behalf.

Barr told people close to him he has considered leaving his post after Trump wouldn't heed his request to stop tweeting about the agency's cases. The attorney general last week had taken a public swipe at the president, saying in a television interview that Trump's tweets about Justice Department cases and staffers make it "impossible" for him to do his job.

But Trump has repeatedly ignored that advice, insisting that he has the "legal right" to intervene in criminal cases. In a series of retweets Wednesday, he appeared to embrace the suggestion that Barr "clean shop" at the department and appoint a special counsel to probe both the agency and the FBI.

Barr had lunch on Tuesday with White House counsel Pat Cipollone, though officials said it was pre-scheduled and unrelated to the firestorm at the agency. Multiple White House officials insisted Wednesday that the spat with Barr was being overblown and that the attorney general would not be going anywhere. But they also acknowledged there was zero chance Trump would refrain from tweeting about the department as requested by Barr.

Republicans on Capital Hill also played down the odds of a Barr departure. But in the last few days, some of the president's closest GOP allies have been letting Trump know they think Barr is the right person to lead his Justice Department. Trump, usually unwilling to let a public slight from an aide go unpunished, has not expressed much anger at Barr's candor, according to three White House officials and Republicans close to the West Wing.

Barr's spokeswoman said Tuesday night that the attorney general had "no plans to resign." Still, former officials called on Barr to step down from his post after what they see as an erosion of the Justice Department's historical independence.

"The Justice Department has never been perfect, but it has worked very hard to be above suspicion for outright dishonesty and bias and the invasion of politics into it," said Donald Ayer, who was a deputy attorney general under Republican President George H.W. Bush and succeeded by Barr. "What's going on now is that's being torn down."

"I don't remember anything like this that has ever happened," Ayer said.

Barr has been one of the president's closest allies in the administration and a staunch defender of Trump's policy decisions. The president dismissed his first attorney general, Jeff Sessions, after the former senator recused himself from the Russia probe. Barr, meanwhile, endeared himself to the Oval Office by preemptively framing the results of that investigation in a positive light for Trump and casting doubt on the origins of the probe.

Barr, serving in his second stint as attorney general, has sought to paint himself as an independent leader who would not bow to political pressure. But Democrats have repeatedly accused him of acting more like the president's personal attorney than the attorney general.

Barr's frustration with Trump, which he has communicated to senior White House aides, has grown in recent weeks. He told those close to him he felt compelled to speak publicly after Trump criticized the sentencing of longtime political ally Roger Stone. Barr spoke out to ABC News just days after his Justice Department overruled its own prosecutors – who had recommended that Stone be sentenced to seven to nine years in prison – and took the extraordinary step of lowering the amount of prison time it would seek. All four prosecutors from Stone's trial quit the case and one left the government altogether.

After the Stone reversal, many at the Department of Justice and in the tight-knit Washington legal community expressed dismay at what they saw as presidential interference. More than 1,100 former Justice Department prosecutors called on Barr to resign in a letter released Sunday, insisting that Barr's decision to intervene in Stone's case tarnished the department's reputation.

Alex Brandon / AP photo

Attorney General William Barr, left, and President Donald Trump turn to leave after speaking in the Rose Garden of the White House, in Washington on July 11.

Trump picks pardon requests from wealthy pals and GOP donors

By MICHAEL BIESECKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — There's a common thread among the 11 felons who found favor with President Donald Trump this week – all who were pardoned or set free had advocates among the president's wealthy friends and political allies.

In at least some cases, including former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich and '80s junk-bond king Michael Milken, Trump has personal relationships with those he granted clemency. In three others he drew on the recommendations of a Tennessee grandmother he'd previously granted clemency at the urging of reality-TV star Kim Kardashian West.

"I rely on recommendations, very importantly," Trump said Tuesday as he announced his decisions.

But, as with other aspects of Trump's presidency, the president has veered from institutional norms. Historically, those recommended for presidential pardons are vetted through a formal process in which their petitions are reviewed by a team of Justice Department lawyers. In those past cases, typically there has been either strong evidence of wrongful conviction or the offenders have expressed remorse for their crimes and spent decades making amends.

Tuesday's announcement from the White House instead often sought to minimize the severity of the crimes that had been committed, and listed the names of GOP mega-donors, celebrities and Fox News personalities who had advocated for the felons to get a break.

Charles Rex Arbogast / AP

Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich dabs blood from his chin during a news conference outside his home Wednesday in Chicago.

Former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie said his client, former Symplicity Corp. CEO Ariel Friedler, was pardoned after he personally vouched for the businessman during a call with Trump on Friday. A former federal prosecutor and cable-news regular, Christie said it was the only time he discussed Friedler's case with Trump.

"'Are you convinced he's a really good guy?'" Christie, a Republican, says Trump asked him, recounting the conversation Tuesday in an interview with NJ Advance Media. Friedler pleaded guilty in 2014 to conspiring to hack into the computer systems of one of his business competitors, serving two months in prison.

"Yes, Mr. President," Christie says he replied. "Mr. President, he got treated wrong and you can help right it.'"

Also on the pardon list was Edward DeBartolo Jr., the former owner of the San Francisco 49ers pro football franchise, convicted in a riverboat gambling licensing scandal. In its media release, the White House touted the "unprecedented 13 division titles and 5 Super Bowl Championships" won by Debartolo's teams as well as the money the billionaire has given to charity. The MVPs of DeBartolo's pardon hunt included a roster of Hall of Fame players, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and New Englands Patriots owner Robert Kraft, who recently had his own scrape with the law.

Critics of Trump's clemency actions, including some members of the president's own party, said Wednesday that Trump was undercutting federal prosecutors who seek to hold the powerful accountable, especially those who betrayed the public's trust.

David Safavian, a former high-ranking official at the General Services Administration, was pardoned by Trump despite felony convictions for making false statements and obstructing an investigation tied to the probe into the activities of disgraced Washington lobbyist Jack Abramoff.

Walter Shaub, who resigned as director of the federal Office of Government Ethics in 2017 after butting heads with Trump, noted Wednesday that training materials used for instructing federal employees on ethics have long included a cautionary photo of Safavian on a Scottish golf junket with Abramoff and former GOP Rep. Bob Ney of Ohio, who was also later convicted on corruption charges.

"The training materials will now have to be updated: 'POTUS says this is fine,'" Shaub wrote on Twitter.

According to the White House, among those who advocated for Safavian's pardon was Doug Deason, a Dallas investor who serves on the finance committee of the pro-Trump America First Action PAC. Deason and his billionaire father have donated more than $1 million in support of the president, according to campaign finance records.

Also pardoned was former New York Police Commissioner Bernard Kerik, who pleaded guilty to eight felony charges that included tax fraud and making false statements stemming from lying to the George W. Bush White House while being interviewed to serve as Homeland Security secretary.

Trump ousts top defense official who certified Ukraine aid

By LOLITA C. BALDOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump has ousted the Pentagon's top policy official who had certified last year that Ukraine had made enough anti-corruption progress to justify the Trump administration's release of congressionally authorized aid to Kyiv in its conflict against Russian-backed separatists.

John Rood resigned Wednesday, saying he was leaving at Trump's request.

The Trump administration's delay in releasing the aid to Ukraine was central to the president's impeachment by the House on charges of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress. The Senate voted to acquit the president. But in the wake of the Senate trial, an emboldened Trump has gone after officials he has perceived as being disloyal.

Rood is the latest official to be purged. His forced resignation comes as Democrats on the Hill express concerns that Trump is on a vendetta in the wake of his acquittal. Just days after the Senate vote, the White House reassigned an Army officer, Lt. Col. Alex Vindman, a key witness in the impeachment inquiry, from the National Security Council, and pushed his twin brother, an NSC lawyer, out with him. Gordon Sondland, Trump's ambassador to the European Union who also was a key witness before House investigators, was recalled from his post.

Jacquelyn Martin / AP

Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, John Rood, speaks during a news conference on the 2018 Nuclear Posture Review, at the Pentagon, on Feb. 2, 2018.

Trump tweeted Wednesday that he wanted to "thank John Rood for his service to our Country, and wish him well in his future endeavors!"

Rood, in his letter to Trump, did not mention Ukraine. "It's my understanding from Secretary (Mark) Esper that you requested my resignation," Rood said. Rood said he will step down as of Feb. 28.

Rood wrote in a May 23 letter to Congress that the Pentagon had made a thorough assessment of Ukraine's anti-corruption actions and other reforms. And he said that, "I have certified that the government of Ukraine has taken substantial actions to make defense institutional reforms for the purpose of decreasing corruption" and making other improvements."

Rood wrote that his certification, legally required before the aid could be released, was based on insights gained in "persistent U.S. engagement" with Ukraine, including meetings between the U.S. defense secretary and his Ukrainian counterpart.

Asked about Rood's resignation, chief Pentagon spokesman Jonathan Hoffman declined to speculate on the reason for Trump's decision.

"The president has the opportunity and the ability to have the team that he wants to have in policy positions," Hoffman said at news conference. He said Rood's resignation letter spoke for itself.

Rood last year told reporters that, "In the weeks after signing the certification I did become aware that the aid had been held. I never received a very clear explanation other than there were concerns about corruption in Ukraine." He also spoke in favor of releasing the aid, suggesting that withholding it would hurt America's defense priorities.

Pentagon press secretary Alyssa Farah said James Anderson, who is currently serving as the deputy for policy, will take over the job until a permanent replacement is appointed by the President and confirmed.

Lawyer: Assange was offered U.S. pardon if he cleared Russia

LONDON (AP) — WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange plans to claim during an extradition hearing that the Trump administration offered him a pardon if he agreed to say Russia was not involved in leaking Democratic National Committee emails during the 2016 U.S. election campaign, a lawyer for Assange said Wednesday.

Assange is being held at a British prison while fighting extradition to the United States on spying charges. His full court hearing is due to begin next week.

At a preliminary hearing held in London, lawyer Edward Fitzgerald said now-former Republican congressman, Dana Rohrabacher, visited Assange at the Ecuadorian Embassy in London in August 2017.

Fitzgerald said a statement from another Assange lawyer, Jennifer Robinson, recounted "Mr. Rohrabacher going to see Mr. Assange and saying, on instructions from the president, he was offering a pardon or some other way out, if Mr. Assange ... said Russia had nothing to do with the DNC leaks."

Responding to the the lawyer's claims, White House press secretary Stephanie Grisham said, "This is absolutely and completely false."

President Donald Trump "barely knows Dana Rohrabacher other than he's an ex-congressman. He's never spoken to him on this subject or almost any subject," Grisham said. "It is a complete fabrication and a total lie. This is probably another never-ending hoax and total lie from the DNC."

Emails embarrassing for the Democrats and Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign were hacked before being published by WikiLeaks in 2016.

In a statement linked on his Twitter account, Rohrabacher said he never spoke with Trump about Assange and was not directed by the president or anyone else connected with him to meet with Assange.

Recounting his meeting with the WikiLeaks founder, Rohrabacher said he told him "that if he could provide me information and evidence about who actually gave him the DNC emails, I would then call on President Trump to pardon him. At no time did I offer a deal made by the President, nor did I say I was representing the President."

He said he met briefly on his return with then-White House Chief of Staff John Kelly and told him that Assange would provide information about the purloined DNC emails in exchange for a pardon. Rohrabacher said no one followed up with him "and that was the last discussion I had on this subject with anyone representing Trump or in his administration."

District Judge Vanessa Baraitser said the evidence was admissible in the extradition case.

Kirsty Wigglesworth / AP photo

Badges worn by a demonstrator outside Westminster Magistrates Court in London, Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020. A case-management hearing regarding Julian Assange will be heard at the court Wednesday. It comes just five days before the extradition hearing beginning Feb. 24, at Woolwich Crown Court, in which both Julian Assange and the broader issues of press freedom will be at stake.

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Bloomberg vs. Sanders: The stakes are huge

Jonah Goldberg

The Bloomberg-Bernie battle is almost like a comic book come to life. The two combatants cover almost every cliche on the right-wing scorecard.

The right couldn't have invented a better candidate than Bernie Sanders. In 1971, he was kicked out of a commune for talking too much. In 1987 (!), he recorded a folk album. The following year, he got married and left the next day for a combination fact-finding trip and honeymoon in the Soviet Union. When he returned, he sounded a bit like Lincoln Steffens, the famous journalist who'd said of the USSR, "I have seen the future and it works." In Steffens' defense, he visited in 1919, two years after its founding and before most of the inconvenient mass murder and starvation. Sanders thought the Soviet Union was the future three years before it collapsed.

Of course, this isn't why most of Sanders' fans like him. He was on the right side of the civil rights movement when it really mattered. He's been a consistent advocate of what he calls democratic socialism here at home. And he's an unreconstructed enemy of the economic elites, particularly the hated "billionaire class."

Which brings us to Michael Bloomberg, who sits atop the 1 percent of the 1 percent. Bloomberg is a perfect stand-in for a completely different kind of liberalism, one that doesn't even like to call itself liberal. He headlined the launch of No Labels, an organization dedicated to getting ideology out of politics. A lifelong Democrat, Bloomberg switched labels to become a Republican to run for mayor of New York City in 2001. By his third term he was an independent. Now he's a Democrat because he's running for president.

As mayor of New York, he was a poster boy for a kind of arrogant progressive-post-partisan technocratic government that prizes data over feelings. The data showed that obesity cost the health care system money, and since sugary sodas contributed to obesity, Bloomberg clamped down on them. The data showed that young black men committed most of the gun homicides, so Bloomberg clamped down on them with stop and frisk.

"Ninety-five percent of murders, murderers and murder victims fit one M.O. You can just take a description, Xerox it and pass it out to all the cops," Bloomberg said in 2015.

In a video from 2011 that's going around, Bloomberg offered a quasi-endorsement of "death panels."

"If you show up with prostate cancer, you're 95 years old, (we) should say go and enjoy, you've lived a long life, there's no cure. We can't do anything," Bloomberg said. "If you're a young person, we should do something about it. Society's not willing to do that yet."

This isn't why his fans like him. For a long time he was an icon of the credentialed upper class who saw ideological culture-war fights as so much boob bait. More recently, he's become the liberals' "Chicago way" response to Trump. If the right comes at you with a billionaire would-be Putin, you come back with a bigger billionaire would-be Lee Kuan Yew.

Both men represent strands of liberalism with very long pedigrees. Sanders can trace his lineage back to antiwar socialists and populists such as William Jennings Bryan and Eugene Debs, as well as to reformers such as Jane Addams. Bloomberg's antecedents can be found in democracy-skeptical "disinterested" progressive pragmatists such as Walter Lippmann, Oliver Wendell Holmes and the "Wisconsin School" economists. Usually these two strands intertwine and overlap. (Barack Obama had a foot in both camps; he was both the anointed leader of a mass movement and the overseer of the Affordable Care Act, with all of its data-driven rationing.) But when stripped to their purest elements, one camp is all about solidarity and people power, and the other is about technocratic expertise.

Like Trump, both men are beneficiaries of our hollowed-out political parties, which are incapable of performing the gatekeeper function of the nomination process.

And that raises the stakes of their contest. Trump has transformed much of the GOP in his image. Too weak to protect their own brand, the Republicans have adopted his.

If either Sanders or Bloomberg wins the nomination, it will be interesting to see if the same thing happens to Democrats. If it's Sanders, will they become a populist party of Social Democrats? If it's Bloomberg, will the Democrats become the party of bureaucratic authoritarianism?

Again, Democratic politicians normally straddle these two tendencies. There are, of course, other options for primary voters. But the choice between these two is zero-sum, and if either man wins, the Democratic Party could end up making a choice that will define it as much as Trump has come to define the GOP.

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Michael Bloomberg and the politics of money

Ben Shapiro

Former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg has been rising drastically in the national polling for the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination. Frightened by that rise, Democratic candidates from center-left to communist have risen as one, declaring that Bloomberg has done the process dirty: By dropping hundreds of millions of dollars on advertising, he has thwarted the process, and thus, the will of the people. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., proclaimed: "It's a shame Mike Bloomberg can buy his way into the debate. But at least now primary voters curious about how each candidate will take on Donald Trump can get a live demonstration of how we each take on an egomaniac billionaire." And former Vice President Joe Biden stated, "Sixty billion dollars can buy you a lot of advertising, but it can't erase your record."

All of which raises a serious question: Is Bloomberg doing something deeply wrong – is he "cheating" – by spending oodles of his own money on political advertising?

The answer, of course, is no. Tom Steyer, another Democratic billionaire, has spent more than $200 million on political advertising, with little response – he won 0.3 percent of votes in Iowa and 3.6 percent of votes in New Hampshire. Bloomberg is resonating because he is vying for the moderate lane in the Democratic primaries just as Biden, the wire-to-wire front-runner until the primaries actually began, flamed out completely. Money, obviously, isn't everything.

But, say the critics, dollars can buy you an entry ticket into the political race. That's undoubtedly true. Dollars plus a political case is better than no dollars plus a political case. But it's also true that dollars become increasingly important in a political system in which candidates can gain outsized attention and vote share by spending money that *doesn't belong to them*. Bloomberg, to his credit, is spending his own money. Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., and Warren are pledging to spend everyone else's. "Stop trying to buy elections!" rings hollow from a cast of characters who have promised Americans "free" health care, "free" college tuition, "free" child care and "free" housing, among other giveaways.

It also rings hollow from people who have received hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of attention from their like-minded allies in the media. Sanders has earned hundreds of millions of dollars in media attention; so, too, has Warren. Our media act as attention-providing political gatekeepers. For Bloomberg to end-around them is hardly illegitimate.

In truth, the problem for Democrats isn't Bloomberg's spending. The problem is that the Democratic Party now treats wealth itself as an indicator of immorality. This week, Sanders tweeted, "Together, we are going to end the greed of the billionaire class." Never mind that creating tens of billions of dollars in value via voluntary exchange, employing tens of thousands of people, and providing goods and services to millions is far less indicative of greed than living as a taxpayer-funded, parasitical, self-styled revolutionary for six decades. The size of Bloomberg's bank account makes him morally suspect in the world of the modern Democratic Party. There's a reason former South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg keeps telling debate crowds that he's the poorest candidate running, as though lack of financial success is a tremendous indicator of governing ability. As Trevor Noah recently joked, being called a wealthy person is, for "progressive white people ... like being called the N-word."

This perspective represents the reversal of the American dream: We should all aspire to government dependency, patting our own backs for our altruism while drawing on the public dime. After all, if wealth is sin, then chiding the wealthy while living off of them is sainthood. That's the Democratic line going into 2020. We'll see soon enough whether Americans are willing to give up the true American dream in favor of yelling at billionaires.

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ANOTHER OPINION

Identity theft is vexing state tax return process

Local and state media have reported that cyber scammers are pilfering residents' identities and using the theft to steal income tax returns. It's happened in recent years all across the state, including right here in Superiorland.

In an effort to head off further thefts, the Michigan Department of Treasury is taking things to a new level: anyone who files a state income tax return may receive a letter via snailmail asking for additional information to confirm their identity.

After a taxpayer confirms his or her identity by taking a short online quiz or submitting paperwork, the tax refund will be issued, a department press release states. A phone option is available as an alternative to the online quiz.

"We are making progress in the fight against tax-related identity theft," said Deputy State Treasurer Glenn White, who oversees Treasury's Tax Administration programs. "If you receive one of these letters, please follow the instructions carefully. Your security is important to us. We take every measure we can to protect the taxpayer, including asking for additional information about your tax return."

This is neither a new nor small problem. For example, in the past four years, the department's increased security measures protected more than 5,000 taxpayers who confirmed their identity was stolen and used to request state of Michigan income tax refunds. This prevented more than $19.5 million from being distributed to scammers, a department press release states.

That's a lot of people and a lot of money.

To learn more about identity theft, go to www.michigan.gov/identitytheft.

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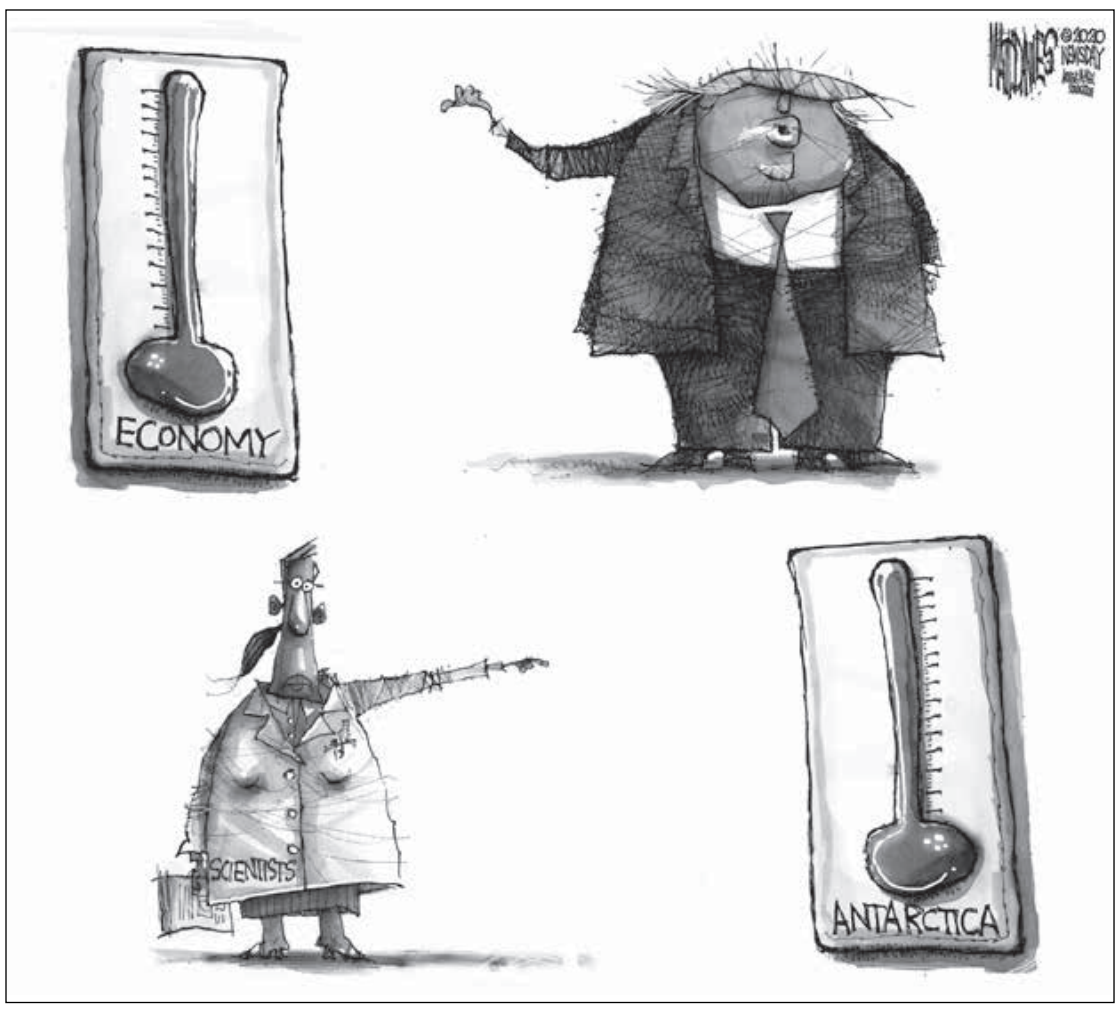

Blagojevich, Trump and the circle of sleaze

By ERIC ZORN

How can anyone be surprised? America's swampy, self-dealing, scofflaw, narcissist president has commuted the prison sentence of Illinois' swampy, self-dealing, scofflaw, narcissist former governor.

I thought President Donald Trump might wait until after the November election to spring Rod Blagojevich from federal prison, which he did Tuesday, given that such a wink to unapologetic political corruption is a bit on the nose given all the accusations that have swirled around Trump. But he's clearly feeling emboldened by how stoutly his party and his political base stayed with him through his impeachment travails and no longer has any qualms at all about whimsically yanking on the levers of federal justice.

Blagojevich was a spectacularly venal public official and an odious hypocrite. He abused his power by holding back state funds for children's health care to try to squeeze a campaign contribution from a hospital CEO, by refusing to sign pending legislation favorable to the horse racing industry unless a track owner gave him a contribution and, most famously, by trying to use his constitutional authority to appoint a U.S. senator as a means to advance his personal interests.

And every time I heard the oily pleas for mercy from Blagojevich and his wife I was reminded that, when he was governor, he routinely ignored such pleas from others. His failure to act on routine requests for commutations and pardons got so bad that the Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic sued him in federal court for ducking his responsibility to act. He won that suit and continued to delay, refusing to spend even a dime of political capital on the issue. And by the time he was removed from office in early 2009, the Illinois Prisoner Review Board estimated the number of petitions piled up on his desk at more than 3,000 – by far the largest such backlog in the nation.

When arrested and put in the dock, Blagojevich insisted he'd done nothing wrong, and that what looked to federal investigators like corruption was just zealous "political horse-trading." On the day he reported to prison nearly eight years ago, he ostentatiously performed his Nelson Mandela of Ravenswood Manor act, telling reporters he had a "clear conscience" because everything he did "was on the right side of the law."

Blagojevich's inability – his failure – to grasp the dimensions of his betrayal of the public trust and his refusal ever to admit to what he did was positively Trumpian, even before we understood the dimensions of that adjective.

It was no wonder that Trump seemed to identify with Blago, dismissing his scheming caught on wiretap recordings as mere "braggadocio" and describing his crimes as simply "being stupid and saying things that ... many other politicians say."

Trump's lack of familiarity with the case was revealed not only by his glib summaries of the evidence but by how, when talking to reporters he mispronounced the former governor's last name as "Bla-goya-vick" and overstated the length of his prison sentence, saying it was 18 years instead of 14 (he actually would have been eligible for release after a little more than 12 years).

Was that prison sentence too long? After all, he never got a dime out of his fetid little plots. No one was injured.

I heard that argument a lot, especially after May 2018, when Trump told reporters he was considering a commutation for Blagojevich because "plenty of other politicians have said a lot worse. He shouldn't have been put in jail."

The way I've seen it all along, though, is that even feckless political corruption at that level is a grave offense that must have severe legal consequences if we have any hope of deterring it. And that Blagojevich's failure to show contrition in effect renewed his offense every day he was in prison. After a while, the justification for keeping him locked up was mostly that he refused to acknowledge that he ever should have been locked up.

Blagojevich's release under these circumstances all but guarantees a nauseating rerun of his pious, pretrial media blitz. Now, a former governor who can never admit he did anything wrong will make the rounds crowing about his innocence based on the judgment of a president who can never admit he did anything wrong.

It's the circle of sleaze.

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Bronx Zoo elephant "Happy" feeds inside the zoo's Asia habitat in New York in 2018. On Tuesday, animal rights advocates have lost a bid seeking to get Happy declared to have human-like rights and transferred to a sanctuary, though a judge said the case for sending the pachyderm to a sanctuary was "extremely persuasive." Judge Allison Tuitt dismissed the Nonhuman Rights Project's petition arguing that Happy the elephant is "unlawfully imprisoned" at the zoo where she has lived since 1977.

Judge nixes claim that Bronx Zoo elephant is 'imprisoned'

By JENNIFER PELTZ
Associated Press

"Happy" strolls inside the zoo's Asia Habitat in New York in 2018.

NEW YORK — Animal rights advocates have lost a bid to get a Bronx Zoo elephant declared to have human-like rights and transferred to a sanctuary, though a judge said the case for sending the pachyderm to a sanctuary was "extremely persuasive."

Bronx Judge Alison Tuitt on Tuesday dismissed the Nonhuman Rights Project's petition arguing that Happy the elephant is "unlawfully imprisoned" at the zoo where she has lived since 1977. She has been kept separate from other elephants for more than a decade.

New York courts have previously said animals aren't legally considered "persons," and Tuitt said those rulings applied to Happy, too. But the judge said she was "extremely sympathetic to Happy's plight."

"This court agrees that Happy is more than just a legal thing, or property. She is an intelligent, autonomous being who should be treated with respect and dignity, and who may be entitled to liberty," the judge wrote, calling the arguments for transferring Happy from her "lonely" exhibit to a sprawling elephant sanctuary "extremely persuasive."

Zoo Director Jim Breheny said the ruling keeps Happy in a place providing her with "excellent care."

"The veterinarians, keepers, and curators at the Bronx Zoo believe it is best for Happy to remain in familiar surroundings with the people she knows, relies on and trusts," Breheny said in a statement Wednesday.

The Nonhuman Rights Project lamented that the 48-year-old Happy would stay at the zoo but hailed the judge's comments and vowed to press on.

"Happy's freedom matters as much to her as ours does to us, and we won't stop fighting in and out of court until she has it," Executive Director Kevin Schneider said in a statement.

The group said Happy was in fact living a sad life, isolated from other elephants in a 1-acre exhibit that covers far less territory than she would in the wild, or in a 2,300-acre sanctuary that has agreed to take her.

Born in the wild in Asia and brought to the U.S. as a 1-year-old, Happy was paired with a female elephant named Grumpy for 25 years. In 2002, Grumpy was fatally injured in a confrontation with two other Bronx Zoo elephants, Maxine and Patty. Happy was then paired with another elephant until its death in 2006.

After that, the Wildlife Conservation Society, which runs the zoo, said it would no longer acquire new elephants.

Happy was kept apart from Maxine and Patty due to concerns they wouldn't get along. Maxine was euthanized in November, after the zoo said she had neurologic deterioration and generalized muscle weakness that left her unable to eat.

The Nonhuman Rights Project wants Happy to be relocated to a large sanctuary where she could socialize with other elephants and roam more freely.

The zoo's Breheny says the activists have been spreading misinformation about Happy's circumstances and exploiting the pachyderm "to further their misguided philosophical agenda and fund-raise for their cause."

The zoo has said that while Happy doesn't share a holding area with other elephants, she has "tactile and auditory contact with them" and isn't languishing.

Breheny said Wednesday that zookeepers "continually assess Happy's situation and will make decisions based on what is best for her as an individual."

80 is not the new 70: Age may bias heart care, study finds

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP Chief Medical Writer

People are more likely to buy things when prices end in 99 cents rather than rounded up to the next dollar, or cars with mileage under 1,000 instead of past that mark. Now researchers say something similar might be happening with age perception and heart surgery.

A U.S. study out Wednesday finds that heart attack patients who turned 80 within the previous two weeks were less likely to get bypass surgery than those who were two weeks shy of that birthday, even though the age difference is less than a month.

Guidelines do not limit the operation after a certain age, but doctors may be mentally classifying people as being "in their 80s" and suddenly much riskier than those "in their 70s," said the study leader, Dr. Anupam Jena of Harvard Medical School.

The reason may be "left-digit bias," or the tendency to focus on the first number.

"When you go to a store and the item is $4.99 you're more likely to buy it than if it's $5," but there's no similar effect when prices are $4.50 versus $4.51, Jena said.

"That penny matters more when you're crossing a threshold" to a new dollar amount, he said.

It poses a serious concern in health care. Although a less invasive treatment, an artery-opening stent procedure, is often the treatment for a heart attack, bypass surgery is preferred when many arteries are affected or in some other situations.

To see if left-digit bias affects who is offered that option, researchers studied Medicare records from 2006 through 2012 on 70,000 heart attack patients, including about 10,000 within two weeks of their 80th birthday. They found that 5.3 percent of the just turned 80 group had bypass surgery versus 7 percent of those slightly younger.

They also looked at other birthdays, such as 77 versus 79 and 81 versus 83 and saw no difference in rates, suggesting that crossing 80 was a key mark.

Death rates during the first two months after the heart attack were higher among those over 80, suggesting they might have been harmed by not being offered surgery, Jena said.

The New England Journal of Medicine published the work.

It can't prove that mental bias is affecting surgery rates but an independent expert, Dr. John Spertus, director of health outcomes research at Saint Luke's Mid America Heart Institute in Kansas City, Missouri, says it makes a strong case.

"I believe that these types of cognitive biases are rampant in medical decision-making and this is a very clear demonstration of the phenomenon," he said.

Spertus has developed risk assessment tools that rely on more objective factors to guide care.

OBITUARIES

Death notices

Zandra Liliana Aguirre, 18, of Grand Rapids, formerly of Hartford died Feb. 17, 2020, at Butterworth Hospital, Grand Rapids. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

Charles M. Ash, 72, of Benton Harbor died Feb. 16, 2020. Robbins Brother Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

David Bruce Brown, 69, of Lawrence died Feb. 17, 2020 at home. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

Dixie Lee Grott, 72, of New Buffalo died Feb. 16, 2020. Pobocik Chapel, Wagner Family Funerals, Three Oaks, 756-3831.

Earnestine Harmon, 67, of Benton Harbor died Feb. 2, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Madalyn J. (Sweet) Pagels, 78, of Benton Harbor died Feb. 18, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Peggy Patterson, 82, of Niles died Feb. 19, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Halbritter-Wickens Funeral Home, Niles, 683-3000.

Fredrick Allen Roos, 56, of Cassopolis died Feb. 18, 2020, at Ascension Borgess Hospital, Kalamazoo. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles.

Yvonne E. (Sweetland) Turner, 58, of Coloma, died Feb. 19, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Earnestine Harmon

June 27, 1952 – Feb. 2, 2020

Earnestine Harmon, 67, of Benton Harbor departed this life Feb. 2, 2020.

A service celebrating her life will be held Saturday, Feb. 22, at Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor. The visitation begins at 10 a.m., followed by the service at 11 a.m. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Earnestine was born June 27, 1952, in Jackson, Miss., to Lisse Mae Nelson and Eli Miller. She graduated from Benton Harbor High School class of 1969. She worked for Mercy Memorial Hospital and continued her services until 2009 under Lakeland Medical Center. Earnestine will be remembered by those who loved her by her kind heart, her sweet potato pies and being the funniest person in the room using words like "Sap Sucka" and "Don't be no fool."

Earnestine leaves to cherish her memory: her children, Howard Harmon Jr., Kanika (Kurt) Murphy and Jarive; sisters, Willie Miller and Rose Wysinger; seven grandchildren; brothers, Tommie Buie and Robert Palmer; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Earnestine was preceded in death by her mother, Lisse Nelson; son, Joel Harmon; great-grandson, Landon Joel Harmon; sisters, Patricia Miller and Lois Miller-Henley; and nephew, Cortez Miller.

David Bruce Brown

June 7, 1950 – Feb. 17, 2020

David Bruce Brown was born June 7, 1950, in Watervliet, the son of Clyde and Edith (Coker) Brown.

David passed away peacefully at his home on Monday, Feb. 17, 2020.

Preceding David in passing were his parents; and a brother, Steven Brown.

Dave, as he was known by most, is survived by his children: Duane "Eric" (Deanna) Brown of Hartford, Jessica (Paul) Shagen of St. Joseph, Gabrielle (Brad) Herm of Sugarland, Texas, and Simone Brown of Battle Creek, Mich.; six grandchildren: Jordan, Phillip, Amara, Cora, Fabian and Holden (who is on the way); and one great-grandchild, Mckynlee. He is also survived by six siblings: Delores (Willie J.) Proctor of Brentwood, Tenn., Judy (the Rev. Robert E.) Johnson of East Chicago, Ind., Clyde (Carol) Brown of Kalamazoo, Joyce Moser of Hastings, Albert (Debbie) Brown of Lawrence and Jeffrey (Judy) Brown of Hartford; and numerous other family members and friends.

Dave was a 1968 graduate of Hartford High School. He served his country proudly in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He then went to work for Palisades Nuclear Plant, from which he retired after 32 years of faithful employment.

The family will welcome friends for visitation from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21, at the Full Gospel Assembly Church in Hartford. A celebration of life service to honor Dave's memory will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, with Pastor Shannon Truelove officiating. Burial will follow in Maple Hill Cemetery, Hartford. The family requests memorial donations in David's name be made to Full Gospel Assembly Church. The Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, is assisting the family with arrangements. Memorial condolences for the family may be left at www.calvin-leonardfh.com.

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25 years ago – 1995

The son of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. will be the featured speaker at the Benton Harbor Hall of Fame induction ceremony. Martin Luther King III will be at the State Theatre for the ceremony, during which more than 20 people from Benton Harbor will be honored for their community service.

King, of Atlanta, is a motivational speaker and has been active in politics and human rights efforts in the U.S. and abroad.

35 years ago – 1985

Jeff Oleneack, 14, a Herald-Palladium carrier in Bridgman, came to the rescue of an elderly woman on Feb. 11. Jeff was delivering a paper to the woman's home when he heard her calling for help after she had fallen on the floor of an unheated back porch. Jeff couldn't lift her, but managed to drag her into the living room.

For his efforts, Jeff was presented with a Ski-Bee Award by Reed Middle School Principal, Al Skibbe.

50 years ago – 1970

A thousand men will be working on the $300 million Donald C. Cook nuclear plant this summer, and construction progress can be watched from the Cook Nuclear Center, a visitors' building, which will open in late spring. The center is being rushed to completion to give visitors a ringside seat to the construction of one of the world's largest nuclear power plants. The center will also present animated shows on nuclear power generation.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, Feb. 20, the 51st day of 2020. There are 315 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Feb. 20, 1962, astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth as he flew aboard Project Mercury's Friendship 7 spacecraft, which circled the globe three times in a flight lasting 4 hours, 55 minutes and 23 seconds before splashing down safely in the Atlantic Ocean 800 miles southeast of Bermuda.

On this date:

In 1792, President George Washington signed an act creating the United States Post Office Department.

In 1809, the Supreme Court ruled that no state legislature could annul the judgments or determine the jurisdictions of federal courts.

In 1862, William Wallace Lincoln, the 11-year-old son of President Abraham Lincoln and first lady Mary Todd Lincoln, died at the White House, apparently of typhoid fever.

In 1905, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Jacobson v. Massachusetts, upheld, 7-2, compulsory vaccination laws intended to protect the public's health.

In 1942, Lt. Edward "Butch" O'Hare became the U.S. Navy's first flying ace of World War II by shooting down five Japanese bombers while defending the aircraft carrier USS Lexington in the South Pacific.

In 1959, the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 600 for the first time, at 602.21.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Few Snow Showers	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Rain & Snow Possible
23°	15°	32° / 22°	38° / 30°	40° / 34°	39° / 33°

Local Outlook

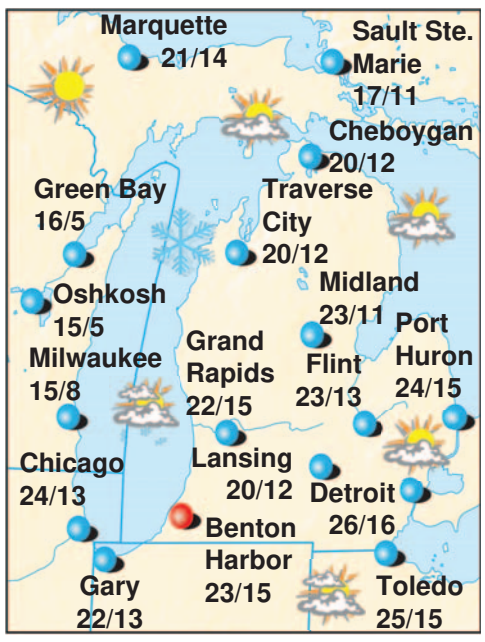
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 35% chance of snow showers, high temperature of 23°, humidity of 64%. Northwest wind 11 mph. Snow accumulation of less than one inch possible. Expect mostly clear skies tonight, overnight low of 15°. West wind 9 to 13 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	7:35 a.m.
Sunset	6:24 p.m.
Moonrise	6:06 a.m.
Moonset	3:30 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
2/23	3/2	3/9	3/16

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	30°
Low	21°
Normal High	36°
Normal Low	21°
Record High	66° in 2017
Record Low	-7° in 2015

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.66"
Normal for month	0.95"
Year to date	4.52"
Normal Year to date	2.70"

Air Quality

Yesterday 29
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

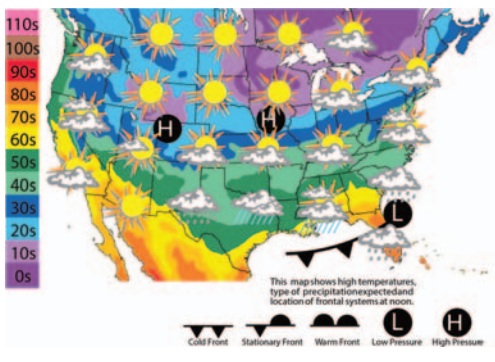
Weather Trivia

Are cities struck by lightning more than surrounding areas?

Answer: Yes, by about 20 percent more times.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Feb. 20, 2020



For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, NNW wind around 14 kt. A chance of snow showers. Widespread freezing spray. Waves around 4 ft. Water temperature 34 degrees. Tonight, NW wind around 12 kt. Mostly clear.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy to mostly cloudy with isolated snow showers, highs in the 10s and 20s. West wind 3 to 11 mph. Expect sunny skies Friday with highs in the 20s and 30s. Southwest wind 15 to 23 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with isolated snow showers, highs in the 20s. Northwest wind 11 mph. Expect sunny skies Friday with highs in the 30s. Southwest wind 11 to 18 mph.

Store yanks souvenir Washington dentures over slavery link

MOUNT VERNON, Va. (AP) — George Washington's Mount Vernon estate says it will no longer sell a souvenir depicting the founding father's false teeth amid criticism that Washington's dentures were made with teeth pulled from the mouths of his slaves.

Critics said selling a souvenir magnet depicting Washington's famous false teeth trivialized the fact that Washington's slaves had to give up their own teeth.

On Wednesday, Mount Vernon said on Twitter that it would remove the magnet from its online store. The webpage on which the magnet had been offered for sale was disabled as of Wednesday afternoon.

The old story that Washington's dentures were made of wood has long been known to be false. It has been known for years that Washington paid about six pounds for nine teeth that were pulled from slaves' mouths. The payment is recorded in a 1784 ledger.

The fact has received renewed attention following publication of a revisionist biography.

Mount Vernon on its website notes that while the slaves received payment, it does not change the fact that they essentially had no choice in giving up their teeth. Mount Vernon also says that selling teeth and hair was common in the 18th century.

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EXCELLENCE IN CUSTOMER SERVICE:
Boelcke Heating
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Edgewater Automation
NON-PROFIT EXCELLENCE: Harbor Country Mission
AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR: Lorrie Brink
CMG Financial/United Federal Credit Union
THE PAT MOODY AWARD: Robert "Bob" Gerbel
Hungerford Nichols CPAs + Advisors
BUSINESS RECOGNITION Breakfast
Cornerstone ALLIANCE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BERRIEN COUNTY
SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN REGIONAL CHAMBER
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SOUTH HAVEN SCHOOLS

A hallway of history

Glenn artist makes mural depicting local history come alive at middle school

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — A year ago artist Tyler Voorhees promised to return to Baseline Middle School to continue working on a 100-foot-long mural at the school depicting whimsical characters that represent the workers who helped shape South Haven into what it is today.

Voorhees made good on his word and has just completed one-half of the ambitious art project that has become the focal point of the school's main hallway.

"The students and staff love seeing the history of South Haven being brought 'alive' by Tyler Voohees's artistic perspective," said Baseline Middle School Principal La-Tonya Gill. "It brings back memories of the orchards and how things used to be in South Haven. He accurately captured our history and this is a fantastic way to share it with our students."

In an interview on Tuesday at his studio in Glenn, Voorhees said he was glad to be able to finish the first half of the mural and is looking forward to painting the next half.

"I finished the first half on my birthday," Voorhees said. "The kids came out and sang happy birthday. It was a sweet moment."

Photo by Becky Kark

Artist Tyler Voorhees is shown Tuesday in his Glenn studio ready to embark on his latest artistic venture – sculptures featuring tools used by workers of yesteryear.

The mural, sponsored by South Haven Area Mural Project nonprofit group, shows loggers, fruit harvesters, old-time factory workers and firefighters, all based on historical photos. But there's a twist – the people resemble long-limbed whimsical characters, a trademark of Voorhees's "Jobs Project," an artistic endeavor that celebrates and honors the world's workers through public murals.

Voorhees first embarked on the project two years ago. Voorhees, a native of South Dakota, has traveled extensively. Voorhees and his family settled in Southwest Michigan a couple of years ago. While working intermittently on the Baseline project, Voorhees has also completed two murals, in Jackson, Mich., and Morocco.

"This has been the most detailed one," Voorhees said, referring to the Baseline mural. One of the most difficult sections of the mural depicts in great detail South Haven's first train engine, "The Goliath."

The train engine, which made its first stop to South Haven in 1871, traveled on tracks that ran from Kalamazoo to South Haven – the modern-day route of the Kal-Haven Trail.

People are struck by Voorhees' works of art.

"I have looked at this many times and I am amazed at the detail," noted one admirer on Voorhees' Facebook page.

Voorhees said he appreciates the compliments regarding "The Goliath."

"The train, and particularly the railroad track, was tricky to do," he said.

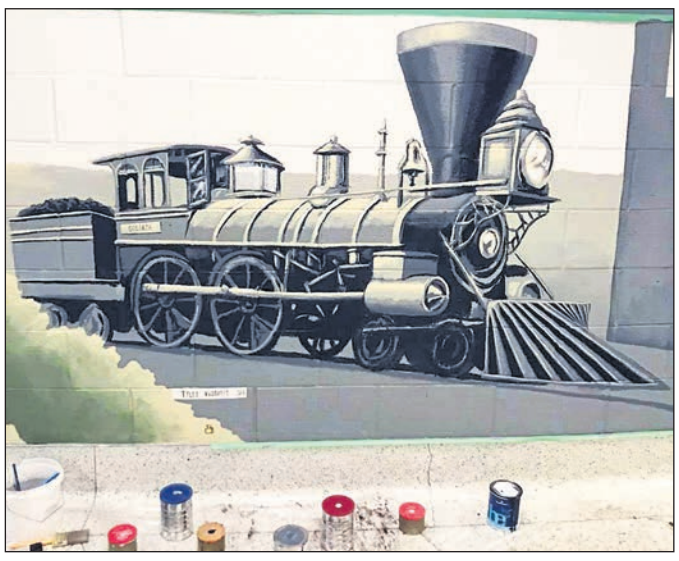

Photo provided

"The Goliath," the first train engine to make a stop in South Haven, in 1871, is depicted on the large mural being painted by Voorhees at Baseline Middle School. The mural chronicles the history of South Haven by depicting people, particularly workers, who helped shape the town over the years.

Becky Kark / File photo

Voorhees, shown working last year, paints a portion of his mural that shows The Forest House, South Haven's first hotel.

The train engine is also a favorite of Gill's.

"Personally, I love the train because it seems to have an almost 3-D effect," she said.

"Additionally, I love the Everett Piano Factory because my grandmother worked there before she retired to take care of my siblings and me."

As he gets ready to begin the second half of the mural over the next year or so, Voorhees plans to focus on the town's maritime heritage – its fishermen, boat industry and tourism.

The artist said the Baseline mural project means a lot to him.

"To create on a mural the history of South Haven is just fascinating."

Baseline students helped him learn about the town's past.

"Mr. Voorhees included the students by asking them to take home a questionnaire to interview their grandparents on what they did for a living when they were younger," Gill said. "We have been fortunate enough to be able to watch the development of this historic piece from the onset."

Until recently, Voorhees created much of his art on canvas for private clients. But the mural projects have given him even greater satisfaction.

"I love the idea of public art," said Voorhees, explaining that public art pieces, such as murals and sculptures, give people who can't afford expensive pieces, an opportunity to enjoy art.

"The people I celebrate in my work are blue collar primarily," Voorhees said. "This is a way to connect with workers and allow them to own it. Public art can be so meaningful."

Free smoke alarms available through the Red Cross

By HP STAFF

SOUTH HAVEN — Southwest Michigan residents will once again have the opportunity to receive free smoke alarms this winter through the American Red Cross's Home Fire Campaign.

Home fires claim seven lives every day but having working smoke alarms can cut the risk of death by half, according to the Red Cross.

South Haven Area Emergency Services is one area fire department encouraging home owners and renters to take part in the program.

"The death of a mother and her three sons in a fire at their Grand Rapids residence earlier this month is once again pointing to the need to have working smoke alarms in our homes," SHAES posted on its Facebook page this week. "Fire investigators say they didn't find any signs of working smoke detectors in the residence. This tragedy brought the total number of fire deaths in Michigan to 22 so far in 2020. That's twice as many as this time last year."

The American Red Cross first launched its Home Fire Campaign in 2014. When people call to request a smoke alarm, the agency, through a network of volunteers and staff will make an in-home visit to install up to three detectors and also provide information about home fire safety.

"A few simple steps could make all the difference for residents if a fire breaks out in their homes," Wise said. "Number one is to have working smoke alarms in the right locations."

Area residents interested in the free smoke alarm program can call the Southwest Michigan Red Cross at 269-353-6180, ext. 7181 to schedule an in-home visit.

BENTON HARBOR

City makes headway on medical marijuana license requests

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Benton Harbor city commissioners are halfway through interviewing 10 applicants for the city's four licenses for medical marijuana dispensaries.

They interviewed one applicant Tuesday during their city commission meeting, then four more Wednesday at a special meeting, with the final five expected to be interviewed next week.

Mayor Marcus Muhammad said there is no timeline on when the licenses will be awarded.

"We're just trying to get through the interview process, first," he said.

Harbor project

Also on Tuesday, commissioners approved appointing four people to the Twin Cities Sustainable Harbor Project Working Group, which is being formed with St. Joseph and St. Joseph Township.

The group is expected to look at the best way to form a governing body to focus on how to develop the harbor, which borders all three municipalities. Appointed were Benton Harbor City Manager Ellis Mitchell, Community and Economic Development Director Tracy-Ann Jennings, Commissioner Ruthie Haralson and Santanna Warren, a community representative.

The appointments weren't without some controversy.

Commissioner Mary-Alice Adams was concerned that calling it a working group to form a governing body was giving away some of the city commission's authority.

"They're not governing nothing," she said. "They're just talking."

Commissioner Duane Seats said it doesn't matter what the group is named because according to the city's charter, it takes a vote of two-thirds of commissioners to sell any city land.

In the end, city commissioners approved the resolution 8-1, with Adams casting the only negative vote.

Later in the meeting, commissioners voted 8-1 to approve naming Dan Fette, the community development director for Berrien County, as the facilitator of the working group. Commissioner Juanita Henry said she voted against having Fette be the facilitator because the county has "proven to us that they're not our friends."

"We've got to find somebody who's going to be friendly to Benton Harbor's perspective of the harbor," she said.

Muhammad said city commissioners have to look to the future and can't live in the past.

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ST. JOSEPH SCHOOLS

Lincoln Elementary parking project moves forward

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Lincoln Elementary School is one step closer to getting angled parking and a walkway this summer.

The St. Joseph school board approved engineering costs Monday night to couple the project with a city repaving project that will begin this summer.

"They will be moving some things around, which will give the school some needed parking," Superintendent Thomas Bruce said. "This a large job."

For the project's engineering services, the board approved a bid from Abonmarche for $23,300. The money to pay for engineering costs will come from the district's building and site funds.

In a September board meeting, trustees adopted a resolution and memorandum of understanding for installation for the city to add a 10-foot-wide non-motorized path and angled parking along Orchard Avenue in front of Lincoln Elementary School.

The resolution also granted an easement with the city to undergo construction on underground utilities.

Kathy Hamilton, the district's chief financial officer, said discussions between the city and the district for the project began in early 2019.

The planned construction is part of a larger reconstruction project on Kingsley, Morton and Orchard avenues.

St. Joseph commissioners awarded Abonmarche a contract for $345,210 last June for the design and construction engineering for reconstruction projects on the roads.

Construction would likely begin on Kingsley first, and start on the other streets after classes let out at Lincoln Elementary School.

With angled parking only being added to Orchard Avenue, the 10-foot-wide path would extend through Morton Avenue.

The project would also mean some changes to the school property, which the school district agreed to. To make room for the project, the city will assist with the relocation of the school's softball field.

Treasurer Chris Cook, who is the president and CEO of Abonmarche, abstained from the vote on Monday.

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IN BRIEF

Body discovered washed onto shore at Tiscornia

ST. JOSEPH — A body was found washed onto the shoreline at Tiscornia Park in St. Joseph on Wednesday evening, a South Bend TV station reported late Wednesday.

There were few details included in the report by WSBT-22. Berrien County Sheriff's Department Sheriff Bailey confirmed the report, which stated that an autopsy would be scheduled today in Kalamazoo.

'The Gun Show' asks – Can we talk about this?

BENTON HARBOR — "The Gun Show," a nonpartisan play about the gun debate, will be performed at 7 p.m. Feb. 27 at the GhostLight Theatre, 101 Hinkley St., Benton Harbor.

The one-act play focuses on the question – "Can we talk about this?" according to a news release from the sponsors, which include the Interfaith Action Peace & Justice Collaborative of Southwest Michigan. A discussion will follow the performance, led by Linda Brundage, executive director of the Michigan Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence, and Sid Mohn, executive direction of Interfaith Action.

"We're stuck in a place as a society where gun violence has become an everyday norm and the debate about what to do about it has come to a standstill," Brundage said.

"This play is a great way to spark civil discussion. Through art and other creative mediums, we can bridge the gap about the tough issues facing our communities and try to come to common sense solutions."

The play stars Jala Jackson, a senior at Michigan State University, and was made in cooperation with MSU's Department of Theatre's Director Rob Rosnowski. It was written by playwright E.M. Lewis.

A $10 donation is requested. More information can be found at www.eventbrite.com/e/the-gun-show-a-non-partisan-play-about-guns-tickets-94500851591.

Program set on how cannabis affects businesses

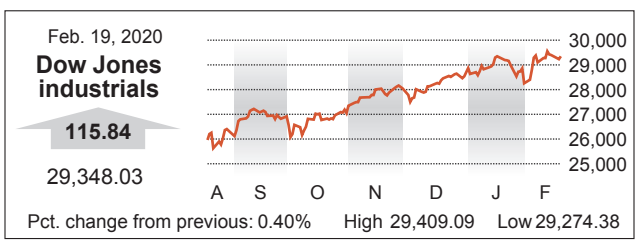
NILES — Area employers will have the chance to learn more about what the cannabis industry will impact their businesses at a program Feb. 27 at the Southwestern Michigan College Niles Area Campus.

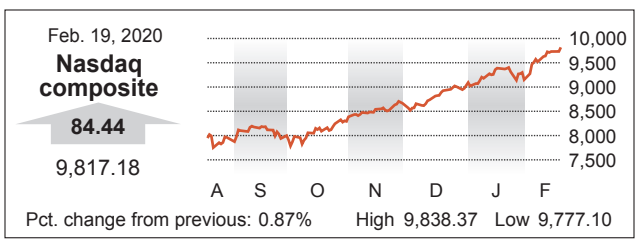
The program is sponsored by the Greater Niles Chamber of Commerce and Green Stem Provisioning. The program will run from 8-9:30 a.m. at the SMC Niles campus.

The cost is $15 for chamber members and $20 for non-members. People can contact the chamber to register. Topics to be covered include employer testing, employer regulations and the expected growth of the cannabis industry in Michigan.

Wendy Block of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce will lead the presentation. She is the vice president of business advocacy for the state chamber.

MARKETS





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Whirlpool WHR
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AEP	AEP	79.91	104.97	103.50	-.83	-0.8	▼	▲	▲
Apple Inc	AAPL	169.49	327.85	323.62	+4.62	+1.4	▼	▲	▲
AutoZone	AZO	886.95	1274.41	1066.79	-7.06	-0.7	▲	▼	▼
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WAYLAND LIVESTOCK

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A Motel 6 in Phoenix is shown in 2017. A judge has given final approval to a $10 million settlement in a class-action discrimination lawsuit that alleged Motel 6 employees in Phoenix shared the whereabouts and private information of guests with immigration authorities who later arrested some of them.

$10 million settlement approved in discrimination suit against Motel 6

By JACQUES BILLEAUD
Associated Press

PHOENIX — A judge has given final approval to a $10 million settlement in a class-action discrimination lawsuit that alleged Motel 6 employees in Phoenix shared the whereabouts and private information of guests with immigration authorities who later arrested some of them.

U.S. District Judge David Campbell on Tuesday also rejected arguments from Attorney General Mark Brnovich's office that the settlement should be renegotiated because the bulk of the money would go toward groups that advocate on behalf of immigrants, instead of Motel 6 guests whose privacy was violated.

The judge said renegotiating would be warranted only if he can conclude the amounts given to claimants are insufficient. "The attorney general has provided no information from which the court can make that determination," Campbell wrote.

The lawsuit alleged Motel 6 had a corporate policy or practice of giving U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement information that guests provided at check-in. It also accused Motel 6 of providing such information without requiring authorities to get a warrant or without having a reasonable suspicion that crimes were being committed.

Motel 6 has denied wrongdoing.

The budget motel chain has previously said it told its more than 1,400 locations that they were prohibited from voluntarily providing guest lists to immigration authorities after the Phoenix New Times reported in 2017 that workers in Arizona were providing guests' names to agents.

Motel 6 also settled a similar lawsuit in 2019 in Washington state for $12 million.

The Arizona lawsuit was filed on behalf of eight unnamed Latinos who stayed at Motel 6 locations in Phoenix. It alleged guests were discriminated against because of their race or national origin.

ICE agents visited some of the guests at their motel rooms a day after they showed passports, driver's licenses or identification cards issued by the Mexican government to Motel 6 employees, according to the lawsuit.

The amount of settlement was publicly revealed last year, but an order written by Campbell provides an update on the claims being made so far.

More than 2,000 people have submitted claims. Claims totaling $3.4 million have already been approved, while another $1.5 million are under consideration.

Another $500,000 will go to the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, which filed the lawsuit, to cover legal costs.

The remainder is to be divided in varying amounts among four other groups. The amount to be given to the groups hasn't yet been determined, though it's believed to be several million dollars.

Three of the groups provide services to people who must defend their immigration status in the United States, while the fourth organization gives college scholarships to noncitizens.

Under the settlement, a class member whose information was provided to immigration authorities could get $75; up to $10,000 if the person is put into deportation proceedings; and as much as $200,000 if the person incurred legal feeds to defend his or her presence in the United States.

Judge: California fund can offer only fire insurance

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A fund that offers only fire insurance to California residents in wildfire-prone areas can't be required to provide coverage for other hazards such as flooding or theft, a judge ruled this week.

Superior Court Judge Mary Strobel on Tuesday issued a preliminary injunction barring Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara from compelling the California Fair Access to Insurance Requirements Plan to offer comprehensive policies to homeowners who lost their property insurance because of the threat of wildfires.

California's insurance industry pays into the FAIR Plan, a fund that sells coverage to people who can't buy it through no fault of their own. Known as the "insurer of last resort," it only offers fire insurance. Homeowners must purchase a second plan in the private market to cover other hazards.

Devastating wildfires have plagued the state in recent years, destroying thousands of homes. Those claims have cost insurance companies, who have responded by dropping fire insurance policies for many homeowners who live in fire-prone areas. In response, those homeowners have relied on the FAIR Plan to provide coverage.

In November, Lara ordered the FAIR Plan to begin selling comprehensive insurance plans starting in 2020.

His goal was to save homeowners money by not forcing them to purchase multiple insurance plans.

But the FAIR Plan Association sued Lara in December, arguing his order was illegal. The association said state law only requires the plan to sell basic property insurance.

It argued Lara's order would have destabilized the insurance market because there would be no incentive for private companies to sell plans in wildfire prone areas.

"The preliminary injunction in no way delays our efforts to advance those elements of the department's order that we had already been working to implement, including increasing coverage limits and allowing credit card payments," FAIR Plan Association President Anneliese Jivan said in a statement. "We remain committed to working with state leaders, industry professionals and homeowners to ensure all Californians have access to the insurance coverage they need."

Deputy Insurance Commissioner Michael Soller said his agency and the FAIR Plan Association share the same goals: "to have an effective backstop for consumers" who cannot otherwise obtain insurance.

"The FAIR Plan is an important safety net for consumers, and it needs to modernize to meet the increasing challenge of wildfire risk," Soller said in a statement Wednesday.

The FAIR Plan is not a state agency and is not funded by taxpayers. It is funded by private insurance companies, who are required to participate in the plan if they want to do business in California.

FAIR Plan policies have increased an average of 8 percent per year since 2016, coinciding with some of the most destructive wildfires in state history. The Camp Fire in 2018 killed 85 people and destroyed roughly 19,000 buildings, generating $12 billion in insurance claims.

Insurance companies in California have declined to renew nearly 350,000 policies since 2015 in areas at high risk for wildfires. That data, which comes from the state Department of Insurance, does not include information on how many people were able to find coverage elsewhere or at what price.

The judge's ruling came the same day state lawmakers introduced a bill requiring insurance companies to cover all existing homes, including those in areas prone to wildfires, as long as they meet new safety standards.

If passed, the measure would also require insurance companies to give homeowners financial incentives for fire safety improvements.

Feds: Nursing home firm to pay $15.4M in billing case

BROCKWAY, Pa. (AP) — A Pennsylvania-based nursing home company has agreed to pay more than $15.4 million to resolve allegations of overbilling for medically unnecessary rehabilitation therapy services, federal authorities said Wednesday.

The Department of Justice said the False Claims Act allegations involved overbilling Medicare and the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program from 2011 through 2017.

The company was accused of having had facilities in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Ohio bill for patients at the highest level of Medicare reimbursement "when services at that level were not medically necessary and were influenced by financial considerations rather than resident needs," federal authorities said.

Bridgman Public Schools Announces

Kindergarten & Progressive 5's Round-Up

Enrollment packets may be picked up at the Bridgman Elementary School office February 24-28, 2020, 8-3pm & February 26, 2020, 5-6:30pm.

Information about the district's readiness screening program in March will also be available.
All new K/P5 students will be screened.

• Children need to be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2020 to qualify for either program.
• Parents should bring the child's certified (courthouse issued) birth certificate, up-to-date immunization card, and proof of residency if a Bridgman School District Resident (rental agreement, tax statement, etc.) to enroll.
• Parents unable to attend registration should contact the school office at (269) 466-0241.

Additional information is on our website: www.bridgmanschools.com

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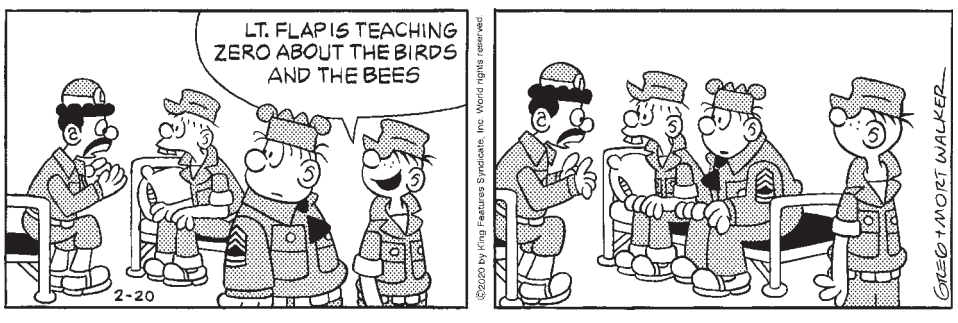
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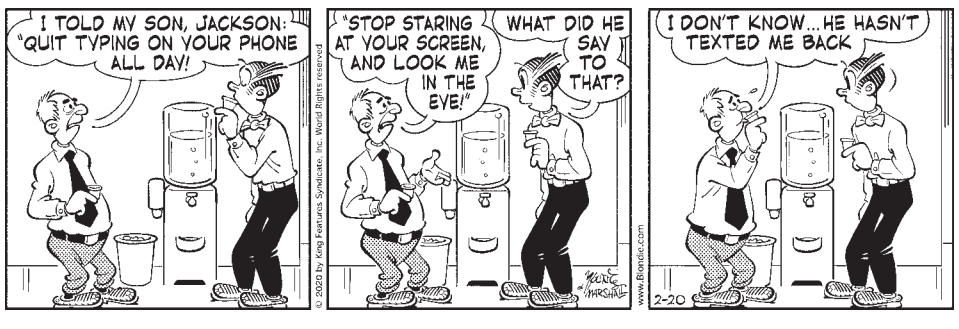
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"STOP STARING AT YOUR SCREEN, AND LOOK ME IN THE EYE!"
WHAT DID HE SAY TO THAT?
I DON'T KNOW... HE HASN'T TEXTED ME BACK
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HI & LOIS

WE HAD TWO SNOW DAYS THIS WEEK, SO THERE'S A LOT OF WORK TO CATCH UP ON.
YOU NEED TO SET UP SOME ONLINE COURSES.
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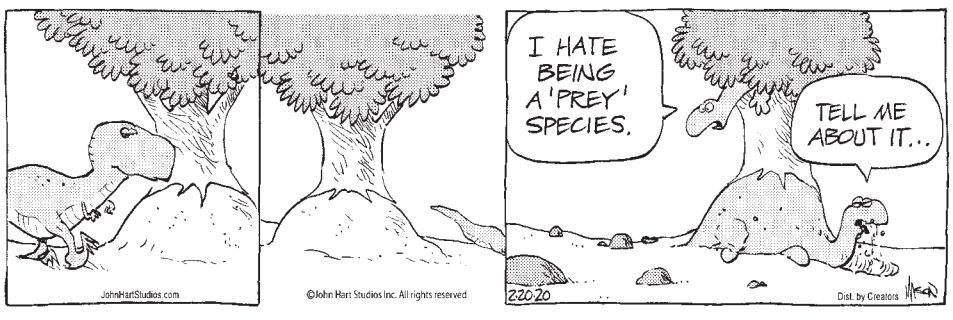

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DILBERT

WHAT'S THE B.R.A. ON THAT?
HUH?
DILBERT.COM @SCOTTADAMSSAYS
YOU LOOK DUMB IN FRONT OF EVERYONE FOR NOT KNOWING B.R.A. STANDS FOR BUSINESS RISK ASSESSMENT.
WE'LL PROBABLY MOCK YOU BEHIND YOUR BACK.
I DON'T THINK YOUR TEAMWORK EXERCISES ARE WORKING.
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GARFIELD

LUCKY FOR YOU THAT WE DON'T HAVE A CAT!
RIGHT, GARFIELD?
WE'RE NOT GETTING ONE, ARE WE?
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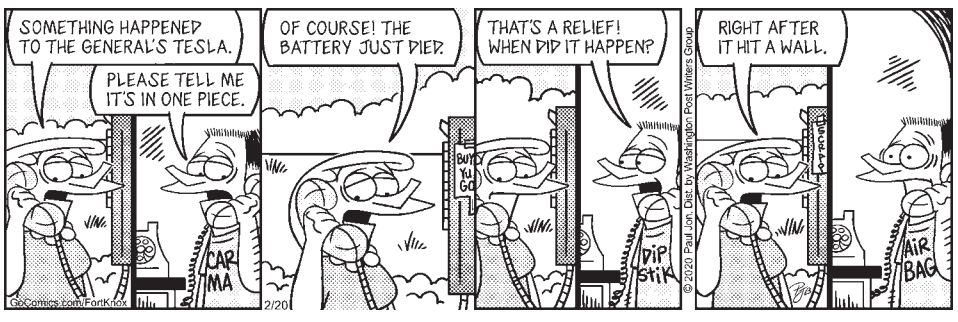
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PLEASE TELL ME IT'S IN ONE PIECE.
OF COURSE! THE BATTERY JUST DIED.
THAT'S A RELIEF! WHEN DID IT HAPPEN?
RIGHT AFTER IT HIT A WALL.
CAR MA
BUT YU GO
DIP STIK
AIR BAG
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PICKLES

WHENEVER I'M HAVING A ROUGH DAY LIKE TODAY, I HAVE SOMETHING I TELL MYSELF.
AND THAT IS THAT I'VE BEEN THROUGH ROUGH DAYS BEFORE, AND I SURVIVED.
BUT IT WAS AWFUL. SO I'M GOING BACK TO BED UNTIL IT'S OVER.
ALL I DID WAS ASK HIM TO PUT HIS DIRTY DISHES IN THE DISHWASHER.
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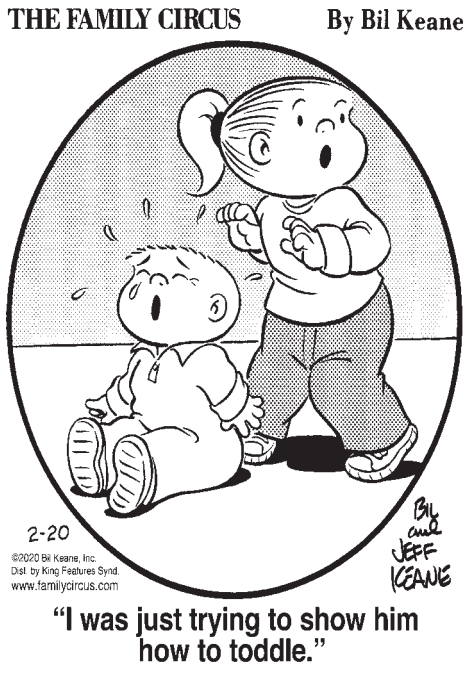

DENNIS THE MENACE

BABY BLUES

CURTIS

A CUP OF COFFEE GIVES ME JUST THE JOLT I NEED TO START MY DAY
MY CEREAL WOULD GIVE YOU A JOLT
RAPPER PUFFS
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YEAH, NO DOUBT
LIKE A TOASTER IN THE BATHTUB

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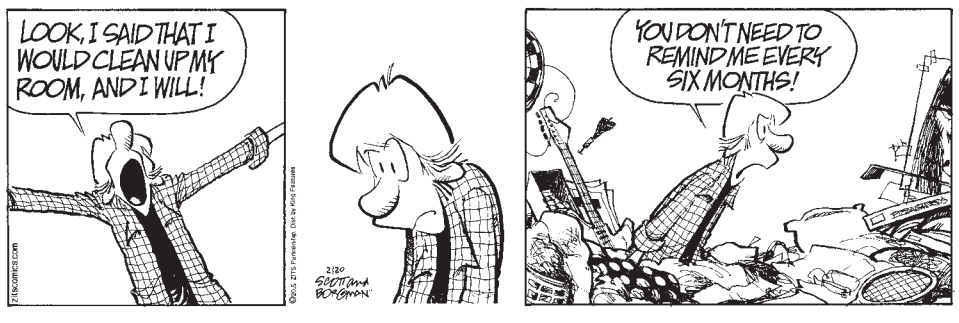
LOOK, I SAID THAT I WOULD CLEAN UP MY ROOM, AND I WILL!
YOU DON'T NEED TO REMIND ME EVERY SIX MONTHS!
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

ARE YOU READY TO GO, OR DO YOU STILL HAVE PEOPLE TO OFFEND?
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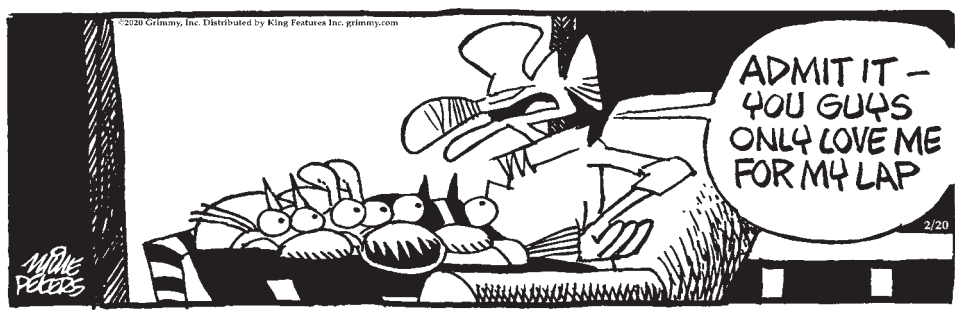
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM



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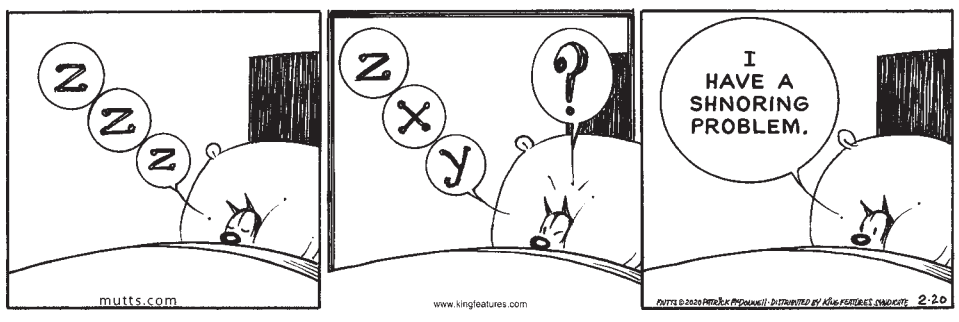

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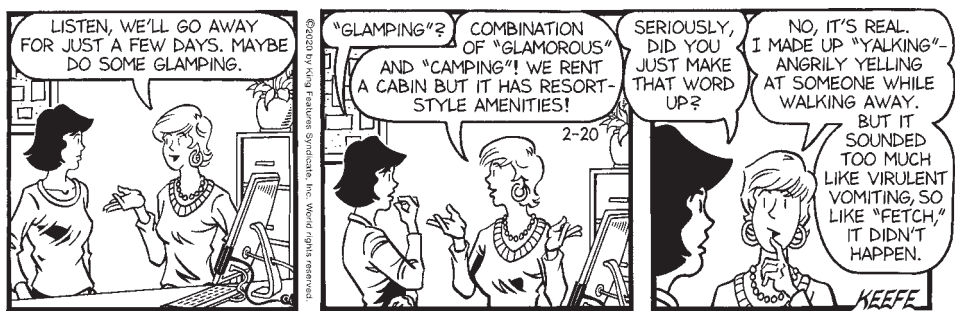
LISTEN, WE'LL GO AWAY FOR JUST A FEW DAYS. MAYBE DO SOME GLAMPING.
"GLAMPING"?
COMBINATION OF "GLAMOROUS" AND "CAMPING"! WE RENT A CABIN BUT IT HAS RESORT-STYLE AMENITIES!
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SERIOUSLY, DID YOU JUST MAKE THAT WORD UP?
NO, IT'S REAL. I MADE UP "YALKING"- ANGRILY YELLING AT SOMEONE WHILE WALKING AWAY.
BUT IT SOUNDED TOO MUCH LIKE VIRULENT VOMITING, SO LIKE "FETCH," IT DIDN'T HAPPEN.
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The Mini Page®

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Next Week: It's a leap year!

Mini Fact: About 1 million people visit the National Archives each year.

The Constitution is the supreme law of our country. It is a set of basic laws organizing, granting and limiting the powers of our government. It is something that we all share.

Basic facts

- It was created in Philadelphia …
- during the summer of 1787…
- in secret, in 87 days.
- It has 39 signers …
- and comprises a preamble, seven articles and 27 amendments that were added later.

The Constitution is handwritten on four parchment pages. Each page is about 29 inches high and 24 inches wide. The original is on display at the National Archives building in Washington, D.C. An **archive** is a place where important documents are preserved.

What are the big ideas?

Inside the Constitution are several big ideas:

- **Separation of powers**: The delegates feared that giving too much power to any person or group could be dangerous. So they created three **branches**, or parts, of government: executive, legislative and judicial.
- **Checks and balances**: This limits the power of each government branch. No single branch can overpower the others. Often, each branch needs the help of the others to do its job.
- **Enumerated** (e-NOOM-er-ate-ed) **powers**: the listed powers of government.
- **Implied powers**: the powers that are not listed but suggested.
- **Federalism**: the idea that our system divides powers among the national government and the state governments.

photo courtesy National Park Service

The Assembly Room in Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is where the Constitution was debated and signed.

The Constitution's parts

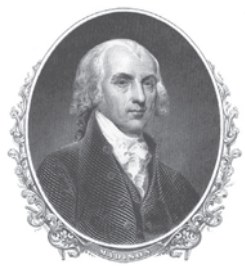
This historic document has:

- A **preamble** (an introduction)
- Seven **articles** (sections), covering:
  - **Article I**: The Congress (legislative branch)
  - **Article II**: The president (executive branch)
  - **Article III**: The judges and national courts (judicial branch)
  - **Article IV**: How states relate to each other and the national government.
  - **Article V**: How the Constitution can be **amended**, or changed.
  - **Article VI**: The Constitution is the supreme law of the land.
  - **Article VII**: **Ratification**, or approval.
- The signatures of 39 delegates.

James Madison

James Madison was a student of government and a great statesman. He is called the Father of the Constitution.

Madison, 36 when the Constitution was written, influenced what went on at the Constitutional Convention more than any other delegate.



He wrote the Virginia Plan, a plan for the new government. Many of his ideas were adopted. He spoke often, and the delegates listened.

He also took many notes and wrote detailed reports. His records are our best sources of what went on. These were not published until after his death.

Madison worked very hard for ratification. He is credited with 29 of the Federalist Papers, a collection of essays supporting the Constitution.

He later served as a Virginia congressman and proposed the first 10 amendments (the Bill of Rights).

After serving as secretary of state under Thomas Jefferson, he was elected as our fourth president. He lived longer than any of the other signers. He died at the age of 85 in 1836.

In 2005, Betty Debnam, creator of The Mini Page, worked closely with the National Archives in Washington, D.C., to create a nine-part series of issues about our U.S. Constitution. Fifteen years later, we are renewing the series. It will continue once a month until Election Day 2020.

Resources

On the Web:

- archives.gov/founding-docs

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Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of the Constitution are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:

AMENDMENT, ARCHIVES, ARTICLES, BALANCES, BRANCHES, CHECKS, CONSTITUTION, CONVENTION, ENUMERATED, FEDERALISM, LAWS, MADISON, PHILADELPHIA, POWERS, PREAMBLE, SEPARATION.

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N	E	H	S	E	P	A	R	A	T	I	O	N	A	Q
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S	N	V	E	L	B	M	A	E	R	P	S	Y	R	H
I	A	N	O	I	T	U	T	I	T	S	N	O	C	E
D	L	E	T	S	E	L	C	I	T	R	A	A	H	C
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M	B	J	H	A	M	E	N	D	M	E	N	T	V	S
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B	T	D	E	T	A	R	E	M	U	N	E	F	S	K

Cook's Corner

Creamy Buttermilk Mashed Potatoes

You'll need:

- 2 large russet potatoes, peeled and cut into 2-inch pieces
- 1/2 cup low-fat buttermilk, plus more as needed
- 2 tablespoons powdered ranch dressing mix
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Salt and black pepper
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives and/or parsley (optional)

What to do:

1. Place potatoes in large saucepan and add enough water to cover by about 2 inches. Set pan over high heat and bring to a boil. Boil for 10 minutes or until potatoes are fork-tender.
2. Drain and return potatoes to pan. Add buttermilk, dressing mix and oil. Using a potato masher, mash together until blended. Season to taste with salt and pepper, and fold in herbs if using.

Adapted from "The Robin Takes 5 Cookbook for Busy Families" with permission from Andrews McMeel Publishing (andrewsmcmeel.com).

* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

7 Little Words for Kids

Use the letters in the boxes to make a word with the same meaning as the clue. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in the solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

1. know well (10) _____
2. you blow them with gum (7) _____
3. shirt part on your arm (6) _____
4. you write one about a book (6) _____
5. mom or dad (6) _____
6. create (6) _____
7. without end (7) _____

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SLE	REP	UND	EV
ER	BUB	PAR	EVE

Answers: understand, bubbles, sleeve, report, parent, invent, forever.

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Mini Jokes

Eddie: What's an electrician's favorite flavor of ice cream?
Ellen: Shock-a-lot!

Eco Note

A species is critically endangered when only a few hundred are left. **Whaling** (hunting whales for oil, meat or bones) was a major industry from the 1700s to the mid-1900s. By 1960, species such as blue and gray whales faced extinction. In the 1970s, the conservation group Greenpeace confronted whaling ships to highlight what was happening. As a result, many people persuaded their governments that whaling should stop.

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For later:

Look through your newspaper for articles that mention the Constitution.

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hp SPORTS

NASCAR'S Newman released from hospital days after Daytona crash

Page C2

Simpson, Wagner spark Michigan to road victory over Rutgers

By MATT SUGAM
Associated Press

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Juwan Howard refers to Zavier Simpson as the Tom Brady of Michigan basketball, with the point guard leading and directing the Wolverines.

Michigan 60 Rutgers 52

Simpson did just that, scoring 16 points with five assists and two steals, while Franz Wagner added 12 points as the Wolverines handed Rutgers its first loss home loss of the season, 60-52.

"They got a lot of weapons, but when they have that quarterback that can slice and dice you, nothing is easy," Rutgers coach Steve Pikiell said of Simpson, who scored his 1,000th career point in the game.

Rutgers (18-9, 9-7 Big Ten Conference) jumped out to an early lead, but Michigan (17-9, 8-7) settled down and led 16-8 at the 13:03 mark. Rutgers would chip away at the lead until Ron Harper Jr. hit a 3-pointer from the corner to put the Scarlet Knights up 22-21. Jon Teske hit a 3-pointer on the ensuing possession to regain the lead for Michigan at 6:21. The two teams battled for the lead until Geo Baker nailed a 3-point step-back jumper from the right wing, giving Rutgers a 31-28 lead at halftime.

Rutgers would start the second half on a 6-0 run before Michigan clawed back to retake the lead at 42-41 midway through the second half on a David DeJulius jumper. DeJulius, who finished with 10 points off the bench, hit another 3-pointer on Michigan's next possession to cap a 15-4 run and give the Wolverines a 45-41 advantage. The basket was assisted by Simpson, who's been playing some of his best basketball of the season as of late.

"It's amazing, but I'm not surprised, because we've been seeing

See MICHIGAN, page C3

Rutgers forward Akwasi Yeboah (1) shoots as Michigan guard Franz Wagner (21) defends during the first half of Wednesday's game.
Andrew Mills / NJ Advance Media via AP

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Don Campbell / HP staff See more photos: heraldpalladium.mycapture.com

Niles' Javond Ball falls to Lakeshore's Micah Hanau at 135 pounds during a team wrestling regional semifinal Wednesday at Battle Creek Harper Creek.

Memorable win

Lakeshore beats Niles, Harper Creek to take home Division 2 regional wrestling title

By MAXWELL HARDEN
HP Sports Writer

BATTLE CREEK — Lakeshore wrestler James Harris had a match to remember.

Trailing 13-2 in his Division 2 regional final match against Harper Creek's Trevor Brooks, Harris rallied to earn a third-round pin that brought the crowd to its feet.

Harris' pin was the perfect exclamation point as the No. 6-ranked Lancers beat the Beavers 47-31 to win another Division 2 regional title.

"It was rough in the beginning," Harris said. "He was choking me. Coach (Bittenbender) asked if I wanted to end it since we already won (the title), but I sad no. I just had to fight through. We can't give up."

See LANCERS, page C2

Don Campbell / HP staff

Lakeshore's Aaron Lucio defeats Niles' Carson Landon at 119 pounds during Wednesday's match.

Dowagiac wins third straight wrestling regional

Lower weights help Chieftains rally past Constantine

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

HOPKINS — Dowagiac's little guys came through to bring home a third straight Division 3 regional wrestling championship on Wednesday.

The Chieftains defeated Constantine 38-33 in the final, after topping South Haven 35-34 in the semifinals. Constantine won its semifinal 66-16 over Hopkins.

The Chieftains will wrestle in the state quarterfinals at 4:30 p.m. next Friday at Wings Events Center in Kalamazoo, against an opponent to be determined.

"There's only been one other time in school history that we've had a three-peat," Dowagiac coach Colin Burandt said. "It means a lot to the kids and a lot to the program. It doesn't happen very often. It's special."

Constantine led Dowagiac 26-6 after Matt Hutton upset Chieftains standout Wyatt Bailey with a pin at 285, but Dowagiac responded with five straight victories from 103 to 130, the first four by pin.

"I'm pretty good with stats and everything," Burandt said. "We had a plan. (The heavyweight match) shook things up a little bit. We just knew we had to make sure we won the matches that we were going to win. I figured the score would be a lot closer after that. That's a 12-point swing."

Pinfall winners for the Chieftains included Lamberto Paredes (160), Jorge Gamino-Rivera (103), Jordan Simpson (112), Dustin Sirk (119) and Tyler Huston (125). Burandt mentioned Gamino-Rivera and Sirk as getting critical wins.

"Top to bottom as a team we wrestled well," Burandt said. "A lot of our non-stars, our non-regional qualifiers, they came through and wrestled tough."

The Chieftains led 34-26 after Alex McIntosh's 20-9 major decision victory over Dylan Reiff. Constantine cut the margin to 34-29 when Noah Harrison won 6-2 over Adrian Lee at 140, but Seth Ward clinched it for Dowagiac with an 11-3 major decision over Eric Demas.

"That's the second dual (Ward) has sealed for us this year," Burandt said.

See CHIEFTAINS, page C2

Ross: Bryant to bat leadoff for Cubs

By PAUL SULLIVAN
Chicago Tribune (TNS)

MESA, Ariz. — A few days ago the big question in Mesa, Ariz., was whether Kris Bryant would make it through spring training in a Cubs uniform.

After Bryant met with manager David Ross on Wednesday morning, the question was whether Bryant would be the Cubs next leadoff man.

BRYANT

The answer, Ross later revealed, was yes.

"My goal is to put the best players and the best at-bats in the top of the order," Ross said. "Kris Bryant is a really good at-bat, gets on base, probably one of our best baserunners. His baseball IQ is extremely high. So when you talk about putting the best players in baseball at the top of the order, that's our best player, and I want to put him at the top."

Bryant, who typically hit second or third in the lineup for the first five years of his career, said he would embrace the new role.

"I led off my whole junior year in college and I won every college award – first-team All-American, the Golden Spikes Award," he said, referring to the honor given to the best amateur player in the nation.

So he likes leading off?

"It's fine," he said. "I look at the two-hole as another leadoff hitter too. So you can interchange those. The past three years we really haven't had someone who was stuck in the leadoff hole and stayed there.

"I think we totally took Dexter (Fowler) for granted while he was here. I certainly did. He was up there working great at-bats and he was always on base, had a high on-base percentage. That showed in the numbers after (he left).

"We've had so much turnover and guys trying out (in the spot), you don't get that consistency. If I need to be the guy that's up there that's going to be consistent and be on base, I'll be that guy."

Ross also hinted that Anthony Rizzo would bat second, calling Bryant-Rizzo "a good 1-2 punch at the top."

So Rizzo is batting second?

"Maybe," Ross said with a grin.

That would make "Bryzzo" the new Daily Double – the nickname broadcaster Harry Caray coined for the 1-2 hitters Bob Dernier and Ryne Sandberg in 1984.

"Listen, I've thought this thing to death," Ross said of his lineups. "And I'm still thinking about it."

Bryant asked to be the first hitter during a live batting practice session Tuesday against Tyler Chatwood. Bryant doesn't know whether he'll lead off in the Cactus League opener Saturday

See BRYANT, page C3

IN BRIEF

Rangers score 5 times in third period, top Blackhawks 6-3

CHICAGO (AP) — Chris Kreider and Mika Zibanejad each had a goal and two assists as the New York Rangers scored five times in the third period and beat the Chicago Blackhawks 6-3 on Wednesday night.

Pavel Buchnevich had a goal and assist, and Filip Chytil, Ryan Strome, and Artemi Panarin scored as New York rebounded from a 3-1 loss to Boston on Sunday to win for the fifth time in six games.

Dominik Kubalik scored twice, giving him 25 goals to lead NHL rookies. Drake Caggiula also connected for Chicago, which has just one win in its last eight games (1-5-2).

Duncan Keith set up Kubalik's first goal for his 500th career assist.

Report: MSU investigating NCAA violations claim

EAST LANSING (AP) — Michigan State is reportedly investigating allegations of NCAA violations made by a former football staffer in a lawsuit.

Curtis Blackwell, a former Michigan State football employee, filed a lawsuit claiming his employment agreement was violated when he was disciplined while the school addressed sexual assault allegations against players in 2017. A recent filing in that case from Blackwell's lawyer suggested that deposition testimony by then-coach Mark Dantonio may have revealed NCAA violations.

Dantonio announced his retirement earlier this month. Athletic director Bill Beekman said then that it was his understanding that the allegations were "patently false" – but an athletic department spokesman told The Detroit News on Tuesday that the school is looking into them.

"We are aware of the allegations made by Curtis Blackwell as part of his litigation," spokesman Matt Larson told the newspaper. "As with any allegation concerning NCAA compliance, MSU is investigating and working with the NCAA and Big Ten. We have fully complied with our self-reporting obligations to the NCAA throughout this case."

The filing early this month from Blackwell's lawyer claimed Dantonio required Blackwell to accompany him on a recruiting visit to the home of a Detroit-area recruit.

MSU adds Courtney Hawkins as wide receivers coach

EAST LANSING (AP) — Michigan State has hired Courtney Hawkins as wide receivers coach.

Spartans coach Mel Tucker announced the addition to his new staff on Wednesday.

Hawkins was the head coach and athletic director at Flint Beecher High School in Michigan, where he played receiver before going on to star at the position at Michigan State. Hawkins was a two-time All-Big Ten player for the late George Perles from 1988 to 1991 for the Spartans. He played in nine NFL seasons for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Tucker was hired away from Colorado last week by Michigan State, which more than doubled his total compensation with a six-year, $33 million contract. He retained assistants Mike Tressel and Ron Burton from coach Mark Dantonio's staff.

Tucker brought one of his assistants with the Buffaloes with him on Monday, hiring Chris Kapilovic to be his offensive line coach and running game coordinator.

AIRWAVES

Television today

10:30 a.m. (Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** Puerto Rico Open, First Round. (Live)
12:00 p.m. (NBCSCH) **NBA G League Basketball** Erie BayHawks at Windy City Bulls. (Live)
2:00 p.m. (Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** WGC - Mexico Championship, First Round. (Live)
7:00 p.m. (Bigten) **Women's College Basketball** Michigan State at Purdue. (Live) (CC)
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Ohio State at Iowa. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Connecticut at Temple. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **NBA Basketball** Milwaukee Bucks at Detroit Pistons. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (NBCSCH) **NBA Basketball** Charlotte Hornets at Chicago Bulls. (Live)
(TNT) **NBA Basketball** Brooklyn Nets at Philadelphia 76ers. (Live) (CC)
8:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** Michigan State at Nebraska. (Live) (CC)
9:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Wrestling** Northern Iowa at Wisconsin. (Live) (CC)
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Oregon at Arizona State. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** USC at Colorado. (Live)
10:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** UCLA at Utah. (Live) (CC)
(TNT) **NBA Basketball** Houston Rockets at Golden State Warriors. (Live) (CC)
11:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** San Francisco at Gonzaga. (Live)

Friday

10:30 a.m. (Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** Puerto Rico Open, Second Round. (Live)
2:00 p.m. (Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** WGC - Mexico Championship, Second Round. (Live)
4:00 p.m. (FS1) **NASCAR Cup Series** Pennzoil 400, Practice. (Live) (CC)
5:00 p.m. (FS1) **NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series** Strat 200, Qualifying. (Live) (CC)
6:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Hockey** Notre Dame at Michigan. (Live) (CC)
7:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** Buffalo at Kent State. (Live)
7:30 p.m. (FS1) **NASCAR Cup Series** Pennzoil 400, Final Practice. (Live) (CC)
8:00 p.m. (50) **AHL Hockey** Chicago Wolves at Milwaukee Admirals. (Live)
(ESPN) **NBA Basketball** Denver Nuggets at Oklahoma City Thunder. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **NHL Hockey** Detroit Red Wings at New York Islanders. (Live)
8:30 p.m. (Bigten) **College Hockey** Minnesota at Penn State. (Live) (CC)
(NBCSCH) **NHL Hockey** Nashville Predators at Chicago Blackhawks. (Live) (CC)
9:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** VCU at St. Louis. (Live)
(FS1) **NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series** Strat 200. (Live) (CC)
10:30 p.m. (ESPN) **NBA Basketball** New Orleans Pelicans at Portland Trail Blazers. (Live)
11:00 p.m. (FS1) **NHRA Drag Racing** Arizona Nationals, Qualifying. (Live)

Radio today

8:30 p.m.
College basketball — Michigan State at Nebraska (WCSY-FM, 103.7)

Friday

7:15 p.m.
High school basketball — Michigan Lutheran at River Valley (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)
High school basketball — South Haven at Allegan (WCSY-FM, 103.7)

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Newman released from hospital after crash

By JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Ryan Newman was released from a Florida hospital on Wednesday, about 42 hours after his frightening crash on the final lap of the Daytona 500.

Roush Fenway Racing released a photo of Newman leaving a Daytona Beach hospital holding the hands of his two young daughters.

The announcement came just a few hours after the team said he was fully alert and walking around the hospital.

The 42-year-old Indiana native was taken by ambulance directly from the track in serious condition following the crash Monday night. Doctors said two hours after the accident that Newman's injuries were not life-threatening, but no details have been released.

His release from the hospital was rapid. Roush Fenway said earlier Wednesday that Newman "continues to show great improvement." The team added that "true to his jovial nature, he has also been joking around with staff, friends and family while playing with his two daughters" and included a photo of Newman standing in a hospital gown, smiling with his arms around the girls.

Two hours later, he was leaving the hospital in jeans, a T-shirt and socks, holding hands with his girls. The team released a third photo of Newman and his daughters with the staff that treated him following his crash.

"First and foremost, our focus remains with Ryan and his family as he continues to recover," said Roush Fenway president Steve Newmark. "We also want to express our sincere gratitude to all of those who have offered support and taken the time to send their thoughts and prayers to Ryan, his family and everyone at Roush Fenway Racing."

"The NASCAR community has long prided itself on being a close-knit family. That is never more evident than during these types of moments."

Roush Fenway said Ross Chastain will pilot the No. 6 Ford beginning this weekend at Las Vegas Motor Speedway and that a timetable for Newman's return has yet to be determined.

Chastain is running for the Xfinity Series championship this year for Kaulig Racing, but drove in the Daytona 500 last weekend for Spire Motorsports in a car fielded by Chip Ganassi.

"We want to express our appreciation to everyone at Chip Ganassi Racing as well as Kaulig Racing for allowing Ross to fill in for Ryan in the No. 6 on such short notice," Newmark said.

Chastain, an eighth-generation watermelon farmer, is gradually trying to move into NASCAR's top Cup Series. He's got 72 career Cup starts for small teams but has been waiting for a break in competitive equipment.

Chastain has won three times in the Truck Series and twice in the Xfinity Series, including a win at Las Vegas in 2018.

Don Campbell / HP staff See more photos:heraldpalladium.mycapture.com
Lakeshore's Diego Avello works against Niles' Darian Sosa at 189 pounds during a team wrestling regional Wednesday at Battle Creek Harper Creek. Avello won the match.

LANCERS

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Lakeshore coach Bruce Bittenbender was proud of Harris, who has come a long way in his wrestling career.

"He is an exciting, explosive wrestler," Bittenbender said. "He is so strong, he is so quick. In wrestling you need a combination of a tough, explosive kid. We'll see how he does at individuals this weekend, but he could surprise a lot of people."

The Beavers faced Lakeshore after beating Painwell 54-22 in its regional semifinal. The Lancers pulled away from the Beavers in the lower weight classes, with Aaron Lucio (119), Bailey Delatorre (125), and Shane Williams (140) picking up pins. Williams' pin put the Lancers up 41-21 and clinched the regional for the Lancers.

"Harper Creek is a good dual meet team," Bittenbender said. "Our kids fought back from a 6-0 deficit and that was huge. I'm tickled to death that we won this thing and we're excited to be moving on."

Lakeshore beat conference rival and No. 9-ranked Niles 33-27 in the semifinal round. It was a back and forth affair, with Niles' Ryan Franco's pin over over Jon Galesko at 130 pounds tying the match at 21-all. But a Hanau decision at 135, a Williams pin at 140, and a Harris decision at 145 put the Lancers in the semifinal round.

"We did alright," Niles coach Todd Hesson said. "Duals are decided on coin tosses, bonus points, getting the matchups, and staying off your back. They did a better job than we did; they won the swing matches. Our kids wrestled well, but in the end, Lakeshore wrestled better."

Lakeshore moves on to compete in the Division 2 state tournament Feb. 28-29 at the Wings Event Center in Kalamazoo. The individual regional tournament takes place Saturday at Vicksburg. The Lancers hope for a good seeding as they prepare for another shot at a state title.

"We want to avoid injuries," Bittenbender said. "We want to run across the finish line. The end is in sight; you can't let up. We've been working hard preparing for this moment."

Championship

LAKESHORE 47, HARPER CREEK 31

103 – Bryce Trimm (HC) p. Taylor Lucas 1:15; 112 – Cameron Litaker (L) p. Zach Egan 3:01; 119 – Aaron Lucio (L) p. Greylon Dishman 3:26; 125 – Bailey Delattore (L) p. Elijah Shipley 0:56; 130 – Chandler Froehlich (HC) d. Jon Gelesko 5-4; 135 – Micah Hanau (L) t.f. Brian Castellanos 18-3; 140 – Shane Williams (L) p. Matthew Martinez 5:13;
145 – James Harris (L) p. Trevor Brooks; 152 – Easton Kolassa (HC) p. Sam Prince 15-1; 160 – Nick Martinez (HC) by forfeit; 171 – Tafara Rukunda p. Gavin Tooman 3:24; 189 – Jaden Mainstone (HC) p. Diego Avello 1:31; 215 – Zeke Rohl (L) p. Joe Edmonds 2:10; 285 – Apen Kortz p. Malachi Bell 0:36.

LAKESHORE 33, NILES 27

103 – Mikey Robles (N) d. Taylor Lucas 11-4; 112 – Jamison Zimmerman (N) d. Cameron Litaker 5-3; 119 – Aaron Lucio p. Carson Landon 3:03; 125 – Bailey Delatorre (L) d. James Pegan 4-2; 130 – Ryan Franco (N) p. Jon Galesko 2:55; 135 – Micah Hanau (L) d. Javond Ball 6-0; 140 – Shane Williams (L) p. Ezra Vance 3:45;
145 – James Harris (L)d. Skylar Means 7-0; 152 – Connor Tebbitts (N) by forfeit; 160 – Kade Wagley (N) p. Case Rohl 5:22; 171 – Tafara Rukunda (L) d. Hunter Fazi 5-2; 189 – Diego Avello (L) d. Darien Sosa 3-0; 215 – Zeke Rohl (L) p. Chase Andres 0:28; 285 – Caiden Smith (N) d. Malachi Bell 5-4.

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CHIEFTAINS

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Dowagiac's semifinal victory wasn't as close as the score indicated, as the Chieftains clinched the win with three matches to go, up 35-16, and forfeited the final two bouts.

Deny White (145), Paredes (171), Simpson (103) and Sirk (119) scored pins for Dowagiac. The Rams got pins from Ray Woodall (130) and Trevor Winkel (160).

South Haven had lost 33-31 in a regular season dual with Dowagiac. The Rams were pleased with their season overall as they continue to build their program.

"(Dowagiac has) been to the state tournament two years in a row," South Haven coach Brad Adamson said. "I think that experience shows in matches like these. We're pretty young across the board, we've got one senior on the team.

"I started as a head coach in 2016 and we had three kids that season. It's been a long time coming and we've made a lot of progress over the last three years. Things are looking bright for our future."

Championship

DOWAGIAC 38, CONSTANTINE 33

152 – Troy Demas (C) p. Braqsten Whitaker 3:24; 160 – Lamberto Paredes (D) p. Carter Bates 1:37; 171 – Dakota Anthony (C) p. Dylan Anderson 0:14; 189 – Isaac Hall (C) d. Chris Schultz 4-0; 215 – Boe Eckman (C) t.f. Mike Schlup 16-0; 285 – Matt Hutton (C) p. Wyatt Bailey 0:56; 103 – Jorge Gamino-Rivero (D) p. Kali Cox 3:11
112 – Jordan Simpson (D) p. Madelyn Osborn 0:36; 119 – Dustin Sirk (D) p. Jacob Ledesma 3:58; 125 – Tyler Huston (D) p. Andrew Colwell 2:43; 130 – Alex McIntosh (D) m.d. Dylan Reiff 20-9; 135 – Noah Harrison (C) d. Adrian Lee 6-2; 140 – Seth Ward (D) m.d. Eric Demas 11-3; 145 – Gage Ensign (C) m.d. Deny White 15-3

DOWAGIAC 35, SOUTH HAVEN 34

145 – Deny White (D) p. Jeremy Rowland 0:29; 152 – Trent Pickett (SH) d. Braqsten Whitaker 10-6; 160 – Trevor Winkel (SH) p. Dylan Anderson 2:21; 171 – Lamberto Paredes (D) d. Travis Jordan 7-1; 189 – Jackson Calvert (SH) d. Chris Schultz 8-4; 215 – Nick Schultz (D) p. Tyler Osteen 1:09; 285 – Wyatt Bailey (D) m.d. Preston Calvert 17-7
103 – Jordan Simpson (D) p. Ronaldo Vergara 4:48; 112 – Corbin Fitch (SH) m.d. Jorge Gamino-Rivero 18-8; 119 – Dustin Sirk (D) p. Ethan Emerson 5:34; 125 – Tyler Huston (D) m.d. Karlie Woodall 11-3; 130 – Ray Woodall (SH) p. Adrian Lee 4:50; 135 – Trent Till (SH) by forfeit; 140 – Nathan Palmer (SH) by forfeit.

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High school scoreboard

By HP STAFF

BOYS BASKETBALL

NEW BUFFALO 55, LAWRENCE 54

NEW BUFFALO (55)
Nate Tripp 1 1-2 3, Kaden Parmley 4 6-11 14, Markvell Shaw 4 8-14 16, Tucker Morse 1 0-0 2, Cole Haskins 0 1-1 1, Anthony Lijewski 8 1-1 18, Sean Gordon 0 1-4 1. Totals: 18 18-33 55.
LAWRENCE (54)
Jacob Zapata 4 0-0 10, Brandon Lopez 3 5-6 12, Lewis Williams 4 0-0 11, Bol Bak 4 1-2 9, Zach Payment 1 0-0 3, Kyle Bowen 2 2-3 6, Clay Beal 1 0-0 3. Totals: 19 8-12 54.

New Buffalo	11	13	16	15	— 55
Lawrence	11	9	9	25	— 54

3-point goals – New Buffalo 1 (Lijewski), Lawrence 8 (Williams 3, Zapata 2, Lopez, Payment, Beal). Total fouls – New Buffalo 20, Lawrence 21. Fouled out – Zapata (L), Lopez (L). Rebounds – New Buffalo 29 (Shaw 10, Lijewski 9), Lawrence 24 (Bak 8, Williams 7). Records – New Buffalo 9-1 BCS White, 9-6; Lawrence 5-6, 6-11.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

COLOMA 24, SOUTH HAVEN 23

Coloma scoring — Megan Neubecker 12, Addy Kimmerly 4, Marissa Sherburn 3, Adian Allmon 3, Megan Koenigshof 2.
Coloma rebounds – Neubecker 9.
Records – Coloma 8-9, South Haven 2-15.
Complete results unavailable

WRESTLING

DIVISION 4 REGIONAL AT LAWTON

Decatur and Eau Claire were both eliminated in the regional semifinals. White Pigeon topped Decatur 52-30, and host Lawton beat Eau Claire 72-10.

Lawton went on to win the title.

Verlander hopes to remain among elite

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — As Justin Verlander approaches his 37th birthday, Houston's ace evolves to maintain the skills that allowed him to win his second Cy Young Award last season, eight years after he won the first one.

Verlander, who will turn 37 on Thursday, talked about aging this week as he prepares for his 16th MLB season.

"The end goal is just to continue to adapt and try to be successful and fight this age thing," he said. "You can't just keep doing the same stuff. Your body changes as you get older and you need to adapt and do things a little bit differently to try stay on top of your game."

Verlander was able to do that last season when he led the majors with 21 wins and his 2.58 ERA ranked second in the American League. He won the AL Cy Young Award for the first time since 2011, when he also was MVP.

Verlander led the majors with 223 innings, his most since 2012, and his 34 starts tied for the most in the league. he became just the sixth pitcher to throw three no-hitters.

"It's hard to be that successful for that long without working exceptionally hard and being exceptionally strong mentally," new Astros manager Dusty Baker said.

Though Verlander always hoped to have a long career, there was a time where he wondered if he'd even pitch into his mid-30s. He was hurt in 2014 at age 31 and didn't feel like himself.

"Not that the competitiveness faded, but my ability to compete at a high level," he said on his self-doubt. "It was difficult. It was mentally draining just not being healthy and trying to fight through it for myself, for the Tigers. At the time just hearing everybody say I was done just wasn't easy."

He was eventually able to get healthy and pitch 2½ more seasons for the Tigers, then was traded to the Astros during the 2017 season.

"I look back at that now as kind of a necessary evil for my career," he said.

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LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

By HP STAFF

Youth sports

St. Joseph Lions Club 6th/7th/8th grade girls basketball tournament: March 7 at Upton Middle School. Limited to 8 teams. No club, travel or local all-star teams. Cost is $65 if you are providing your own uniform, $145 if you would like the Lions Club to provide you with a designed shirt your players get to keep. Admission is $5 for adults, $3 for K-12 for Saturday games. For more information, contact Bret Witkowski at 982-8645 or baeewitkowski@yahoo.com.

Running

Half Note Half Marathon/5K: 8 a.m. Sept. 13, beginning at the Lakeshore Youth Soccer Complex in Stevensville. Cost is $60 for half marathon and $30 for 5K through April 15. Proceeds benefit the Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra. More information is available at www.smso.org.

The Local Sports Calendar appears twice weekly. Submit your items to sports@TheHP.com.

SCOREBOARD

AREA SCHEDULE

Today
Girls basketball
Comstock at Berrien Springs, 7
Buchanan at Brandywine, 7:30
River Valley at Michigan Lutheran, 7:30
Lake Michigan Catholic at New Buffalo, 7:30
Friday
Boys basketball
St. Joseph at Niles, 7
Mattawan at Lakeshore, 7
Parchment at Bridgman, 7:15
Dowagiac at Three Rivers, 7:15
South Haven at Allegan, 7:15
Comstock at Berrien Springs, 7:30
Brandywine at Buchanan, 7:30
Lake Michigan Catholic at New Buffalo, 7:30
Countryside at Lawrence, 7:30
Saugatuck at Watervliet, 7:30
Gobles at Coloma, 7:30
Hartford at Decatur, 7:30
Cassopolis at Eau Claire, 7:30
Howardsville Christian at Covert, 7:30
Bloomingdale at Marcellus, 7:30
Girls basketball
Howardsville Christian at Covert, 5:30
St. Joseph at Niles, 5:45
Mattawan at Lakeshore, 5:45
Parchment at Bridgman, 5:45
Dowagiac at Three Rivers, 6
South Haven at Allegan, 6
Hartford at Decatur, 6
Saugatuck at Watervliet, 6
Coloma at Gobles, 6
Bloomingdale at Marcellus, 6
Bowling
South Haven at Wolverine meet at Three Rivers (South Lanes), 11

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MICHIGAN 60, RUTGERS 52

MICHIGAN (17-9)
Johns 0-2 1-2 1, Teske 2-5 0-0 5, E.Brooks 4-10 0-0 9, Simpson 6-10 2-6 16, Wagner 4-11 3-3 12, DeJulius 3-6 3-4 10, Davis 1-1 0-0 2, Castleton 1-1 3-3 5, Nunez 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 21-47 12-18 60.
RUTGERS (18-9)
Carter 1-1 1-2 3, Yeboah 5-10 0-1 10, Baker 7-16 0-0 16, Mathis 0-7 0-0 0, Harper 4-9 4-4 13, Johnson 0-3 0-0 0, Mulcahy 3-5 0-0 6, Young 2-10 0-2 4, McConnell 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 22-63 5-9 52.
Halftime—Rutgers 31-28. 3-Point Goals—Michigan 6-23 (Simpson 2-3, Teske 1-2, DeJulius 1-3, E.Brooks 1-6, Wagner 1-6, Nunez 0-1, Johns 0-2), Rutgers 3-18 (Baker 2-6, Harper 1-4, Mathis 0-1, Mulcahy 0-1, Yeboah 0-3, Young 0-3). Rebounds—Michigan 31 (Wagner 8), Rutgers 33 (Mulcahy 6). Assists—Michigan 6 (Simpson 5), Rutgers 7 (Harper 2). Total Fouls—Michigan 13, Rutgers 17. A—8,000 (8,000).

Wednesday's men's scores
EAST
American U. 71, Navy 62
Colgate 70, Lehigh 67
George Washington 70, Duquesne 67
La Salle 58, Fordham 49
Lafayette 61, Boston U. 59
Loyola (Md.) 81, Army 77
Michigan 60, Rutgers 52
Providence 73, Georgetown 63
Seton Hall 74, Butler 72
Siena 65, Iona 64
SOUTH
Chattanooga 91, The Citadel 68
ETSU 75, Furman 66
Georgia 65, Auburn 55
Georgia Tech 86, Wake Forest 79
Louisville 90, Syracuse 66
Memphis 77, East Carolina 73
Mercer 106, Samford 66
Miami 102, Virginia Tech 95, 3OT
Mississippi St. 79, South Carolina 76
NC State 88, Duke 66
Nicholls 73, Northwestern St. 69
Richmond 65, George Mason 50
Texas A&M 74, Alabama 68
Tulane 80, SMU 72
UNC-Greensboro 83, Wofford 79, OT
VMI 74, W. Carolina 71
Virginia 78, Boston College 65
MIDWEST
Bradley 83, Missouri St. 79, OT
Drake 77, Valparaiso 75, OT
Indiana 68, Minnesota 56
Loyola of Chicago 84, Illinois St. 69
N. Dakota St. 77, South Dakota 74
S. Dakota St. 94, North Dakota 83
UCF 89, Cincinnati 87, 2OT
UMKC 69, California Baptist 63
Villanova 91, DePaul 71
SOUTHWEST
Abilene Christian 82, Houston Baptist 68
Houston 76, Tulsa 43
Incarnate Word 65, McNeese St. 59
Lamar 77, Sam Houston St. 65
Louisiana-Monroe 66, Arkansas St. 52
Stephen F. Austin 83, Cent. Arkansas 68
Texas 70, TCU 56
Texas Tech 69, Kansas St. 62
FAR WEST
Boise St. 80, San Jose St. 62
Fresno St. 71, Air Force 62
UC Irvine 70, Long Beach St. 55
Utah St. 78, Wyoming 58

Standings through Wednesday games

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Louisville	13	3	.813	22	5	.815
Duke	12	3	.800	22	4	.846
Florida St.	12	3	.800	22	4	.846
Virginia	10	5	.667	18	7	.720
NC State	8	7	.533	17	9	.654
Notre Dame	7	8	.467	16	10	.615
Syracuse	7	8	.467	14	12	.538
Clemson	7	8	.467	13	12	.520
Georgia Tech	7	8	.467	13	13	.500
Boston College	7	9	.438	13	14	.481
Virginia Tech	6	9	.400	15	11	.577
Pittsburgh	6	10	.375	15	12	.556
Miami	6	10	.375	14	12	.538
Wake Forest	4	12	.250	11	15	.423
North Carolina	3	12	.200	10	16	.385

Wednesday's Games
Louisville 90, Syracuse 66
Georgia Tech 86, Wake Forest 79
Virginia 78, Boston College 65
NC State 88, Duke 66
Miami 102, Virginia Tech 95, 3OT
Saturday's Games
Virginia at Pittsburgh, Noon
North Carolina at Louisville, 4 p.m.
Florida St. at NC State, 4 p.m.
Georgia Tech at Syracuse, 4 p.m.
Clemson at Boston College, 6 p.m.
Virginia Tech at Duke, 8 p.m.

BIG TEN CONFERENCE

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Maryland	12	3	.800	22	4	.846
Penn St.	10	5	.667	20	6	.769
Iowa	9	6	.600	18	8	.692
Illinois	9	6	.600	17	9	.654
Michigan St.	9	6	.600	17	9	.654
Wisconsin	9	6	.600	16	10	.615
Rutgers	9	7	.563	18	9	.667
Michigan	8	7	.533	17	9	.654
Ohio St.	7	7	.500	17	8	.680
Indiana	7	8	.467	17	9	.654
Purdue	7	9	.438	14	13	.519
Minnesota	6	9	.400	12	13	.480
Nebraska	2	12	.143	7	18	.280
Northwestern	1	14	.067	6	19	.240

Wednesday's Games
Michigan 60, Rutgers 52
Indiana 68, Minnesota 56
Today's Games
Ohio St. at Iowa, 7 p.m.
Michigan St. at Nebraska, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Michigan at Purdue, 2 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	61	38	11	12	88	201	147
Tampa Bay	60	40	15	5	85	215	159
Toronto	61	31	22	8	70	213	204
Florida	59	31	22	6	68	206	201
Buffalo	60	27	25	8	62	175	190
Montreal	62	27	27	8	62	187	192
Ottawa	60	21	28	11	53	163	204
Detroit	62	15	43	4	34	127	232

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	58	37	15	6	80	196	154
Washington	59	37	17	5	79	208	180
Philadelphia	60	33	20	7	73	198	178
N.Y. Islanders	58	33	19	6	72	167	159
Carolina	59	34	21	4	72	193	164
Columbus	61	30	19	12	72	156	155
N.Y. Rangers	59	31	24	4	66	195	184
New Jersey	59	22	27	10	54	162	207

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	60	33	17	10	76	190	172
Dallas	60	35	19	6	76	164	153
Colorado	58	33	18	7	73	206	164
Winnipeg	61	31	25	5	67	185	184
Nashville	59	29	23	7	65	190	191
Minnesota	58	27	24	7	61	176	187
Chicago	60	26	26	8	60	179	194

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Edmonton	60	32	21	7	71	191	185
Vegas	61	31	22	8	70	192	185
Vancouver	59	32	22	5	69	191	180
Calgary	61	31	24	6	68	180	190
Arizona	63	30	25	8	68	174	170
San Jose	59	26	29	4	56	155	194
Anaheim	59	24	28	7	55	155	186
Los Angeles	60	21	34	5	47	148	193

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.
Tuesday's Games
Philadelphia 5, Columbus 1
Pittsburgh 5, Toronto 2
Detroit 4, Montreal 3
Winnipeg 6, Los Angeles 3
St. Louis 3, New Jersey 0
Carolina 4, Nashville 1
Ottawa 7, Buffalo 4
Wednesday's Games
N.Y. Rangers 6, Chicago 3
Boston 2, Edmonton 1, OT
Dallas 3, Arizona 2
Florida at Anaheim
N.Y. Islanders at Colorado
Minnesota at Vancouver
Today's Games
Montreal at Washington, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Toronto, 7 p.m.
San Jose at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Arizona at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Vegas, 10 p.m.
Florida at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

N.Y. RANGERS 6, CHICAGO 3

N.Y. Rangers	**1**	**0**	**5**	**—**	**6**
Chicago	**0**	**1**	**2**	**—**	**3**

First Period—1, N.Y. Rangers, Chytil 13 (DeAngelo, Kakko), 1:58. Penalties—Koekkoek, Chi (Interference), 2:41; Howden, NYR (Slashing), 17:54.
Second Period—2, Chicago, Kubalik 24 (Keith, Kane), 2:29. Penalties—Lemieux, NYR (High Sticking), 2:39; Chicago bench, served by Nylander (Roughing), 9:26; Howden, NYR (Tripping), 13:31.
Third Period—3, N.Y. Rangers, Buchnevich 14 (Kreider), 2:33. 4, N.Y. Rangers, Strome 15 (Zibanejad, DeAngelo), 4:01 (pp). 5, Chicago, Kubalik 25 (Toews, Caggiula), 6:05. 6, N.Y. Rangers, Kreider 24 (Zibanejad, Staal), 8:48. 7, N.Y. Rangers, Panarin 30, 9:41. 8, Chicago, Caggiula 7 (Toews, Nylander), 11:39. 9, N.Y. Rangers, Zibanejad 26 (Buchnevich, Kreider), 13:37. Penalties—Maatta, Chi (Holding), 2:47; Caggiula, Chi (Boarding), 18:46.
Shots on Goal—N.Y. Rangers 12-10-19—41. Chicago 12-16-12—40.
Power-play opportunities—N.Y. Rangers 1 of 4; Chicago 0 of 3.
Goalies—N.Y. Rangers, Shesterkin 7-1-0 (40 shots-37 saves). Chicago, Lehner 16-10-5 (41-35).
A—21,573 (19,717). T—2:16.
Referees—Frederick L'Ecuyer, Wes McCauley. Linesmen—Derek Amell, Scott Cherrey.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Wednesday's boys scores
Alanson 92, Vanderbilt 24
Bad Axe 59, Elkton-Pigeon Bay Port Laker 45
Baldwin 54, Mason County Eastern 48
Brethren 68, Marion 46
Brown City 61, Marlette 45
Burton Bendle 101, Burton Madison 39
Cass City 49, Caro 33
Cedarville 72, Newberry 44
Coleman 49, Gladwin 45
DeTour 58, Rudyard 55
Decatur 63, Bangor 40
East Jackson 84, Sand Creek 75
Ellsworth 69, Mackinaw City 44
Fairview 60, Atlanta 59
Fulton-Middleton 47, Bath 46
Gaylord 64, Cheboygan 55, OT
Gaylord St. Mary 50, Bellaire 27
Grass Lake 44, Britton-Deerfield 27
Grosse Ile 50, Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central 46
Hanover-Horton 78, Napoleon 48
Harbor Beach 55, Capac 35
Harper Woods Chandler Park Academy 62, Warren Michigan Collegiate 49
Houghton Lake 64, McBain 46
Indian River-Inland Lakes 61, Central Lake 50
Johannesburg-Lewiston 66, Fife Lake Forest Area 60
Laingsburg 76, Saranac 34
Leroy Pine River 61, McBain Northern Michigan Christian 52
Manistee Catholic Central 58, Bear Lake 30
Melvindale 69, Allen Park Cabrini 51
Michigan Center 57, Adrian Lenawee Christian 41
Milan 56, New Boston Huron 52
Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart 48, Clare 41
New Buffalo 55, Lawrence 54
Pellston 64, Mancelona 46
Pentwater 77, Big Rapids Crossroads Charter Academy 35
Pickford 62, St. Ignace LaSalle 42
Posen 72, Onaway 26
Potterville 83, Portland St. Patrick 49
Roscommon 47, Evart 44
Standish-Sterling 71, Tawas 40
Suttons Bay 69, Benzie Central 55
Unionville-Sebewaing 76, Vassar 22
Walkerville 59, Mesick 55
Whitmore Lake 62, Taylor Prep 58
Wednesday's girls scores
Adrian Lenawee Christian 71, South Lyon East 53
Bay City All Saints 57, AuGres-Sims 31
Big Rapids Crossroads Charter Academy 39, Charlton Heston 9
Birmingham Groves 51, Rochester Hills Stoney Creek 32
Burton Bendle 31, Burton Madison 22
Byron 57, Perry 34
Cedarville 63, Newberry 46
Coloma 24, South Haven 23
Decatur 47, Bangor 28
Detroit Renaissance 67, Flint Carman-Ainsworth 59
Grand Blanc 45, Holly 21
Lake Leelanau St. Mary 50, Mesick 31
Mackinaw City 51, Ellsworth 13
Martin 54, Constantine 41
Mayville 37, Flint International 20
North Adams-Jerome 39, Tekonsha 22
Catholic School League Bishop Bracket Semifinal
Bloomfield Hills Marian 43, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 30
Farmington Hills Mercy 60, Dearborn Divine Child 59

NBA

Wednesday's Games
No games scheduled.
Today's Games
Milwaukee at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Brooklyn at Phila., 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Memphis at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Houston at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Astros name barred by Little Leagues near Williamsport

By JAKE SEINER
Associated Press

Just 60 miles east of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, one Little League director is sending a clear message to his 4,000 players about the Houston Astros and their sign-stealing scam.

José Altuve? Alex Bregman? Carlos Correa? They're all out.

"Right now, in our leagues, the Astros are suspended," said Bob Bertoni, head of District 16/31 Little League.

Bertoni is recommending that no teams in the 23 leagues he oversees utilize the Astros name this season after it was discovered Houston took a live camera feed to steal signs en route to a 2017 World Series title. He said a few teams used the name last year.

"I think about our Little League pledge, that's the first thing that comes to my mind: part of the pledge is, 'I will play fair and strive to win,'" Bertoni said.

"Our kids emulate and idolize major league players," he added. "I don't think we as an organization should be idolizing teams that have decided not to play by the rules."

The Orange County Register reported last week that two Little League communities in Southern California banned the Astros team name for the upcoming season – a matter of ethics, but also a reflection of frustration after Houston beat the Los Angeles Dodgers in the 2017 World Series.

Bertoni said his district, which covers all of Luzerne County in northwest Pennsylvania, was already considering outlawing the Astros name when he saw those headlines.

He doesn't think he'll be the last district administrator to take such action, either. Little League heads from around the country are set to meet in Hartford in two weeks, and Bertoni anticipates the Astros will be a top talking point.

"I think you'll see it on a larger scale," he said.

Little League International, the Williamsport-based governing body for baseball and softball leagues around the world, said in a statement it won't restrict districts or leagues from barring the Astros name.

Ryan Kang / AP

Rory McIlroy,hits out of a bunker onto the 17th green during the final round of the Genesis Invitational on Sunday.

McIlroy delivers strong rejection to proposed new tour

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

MEXICO CITY — Rory McIlroy became the first top player to publicly reject the idea of a proposed new tour, saying he values his choice of where to play over whatever money the Premier Golf League is promising.

"I would like to be on the right side of history on this one," McIlroy said Wednesday at the Mexico Championship.

McIlroy said the only thing that could change his mind were if all the top players decided to join, and he doesn't see that happening.

"I think it's very split at the moment," he said.

Talk of a Premier Golf League has been around for about six years and picked up momentum – along with serious funding, primarily from Saudi Arabia – in recent months. Organizers have been talking to players and agents the last few months in the Bahamas, Australia and last week in Los Angeles.

Phil Mickelson, who played with officials involved during the pro-am in the Saudi International last month, said Sunday he was not ready to announce his intentions but might be ready to state his view publicly by The Players Championship.

Tiger Woods has said only that he and his people were looking into it.

The idea of the Premier Golf League is to invigorate golf by putting together 12 four-man teams that would be required to play 18 events – 10 of them in the U.S. – that feature 54 holes, no cut and a shotgun start to fit a five-hour broadcast window. Total prize money would be $240 million, and the top player could earn as much as $50 million.

McIlroy said money is "cheap."

"Money is the easy part," McIlroy said. "It shouldn't be the driving factor. Look, for some people it is. And we're professional golfers and we're out here playing golf to make a living. But at the end of the day, I value my freedom and my autonomy over everything else."

PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan sent a memo to players last month that effectively said that because the tour has contracts with title sponsors for a full schedule and television partners, anyone joining the Premier Golf League would have to give up their PGA Tour memberships.

The Premier Golf League's schedule would not include the majors. And still to be determined is if the Official World Golf Ranking board – represented by major tours and golf organizations – would allow the league to get ranking points. The world ranking is used to help determine the field for majors.

For someone like Woods – the biggest draw in golf – to play in the new league, he might be required to play as often as 22 times a year if the league has an 18-tournament schedule.

"Tiger is 44. He's got two young kids," McIlroy said. "He openly said last week he wants to play 12 times a year, so this league is proposing 18. So he's not going to do it."

BRYANT

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against the A's.

Bryant has led off only seven times in his career, going 9 for 28 (.321) with a .387 on-base percentage. He has a .398 career OBP in the No. 2 hole, his most frequent spot, and a .361 OBP in the third spot, where the team's best hitter usually resides.

Cubs leadoff hitters were last in the majors in 2019 with a .294 OBP after finishing second in that category in 2018 (.366), when they won 95 games.

"That leadoff spot has been a real thing around here since Dexter left," Ross said. "The way (Bryant has) handled all the situations he's been in in his career and risen to the occasion a lot of the times, he can handle that. … I would hate to be on the other side and look at that big boy step in the box and lead things off with what he can do."

Bryant conceded it's different than leading off in college and said he might ask some veteran leadoff men, like Fowler, for some advice if he's inserted there.

"The biggest thing with hitting at the top of the order is that fifth at-bat," he said. "I want that fifth at-bat, and I've done that for five years, now going on six years. So I have the right mindset to do it."

Ross said he will stick with the lineup and won't move Bryant if he struggles at the outset.

"That screams panic when you start to change all that," Ross said.

Bryant said he's willing to do anything he's asked and always has been. He also is willing to play center field more often if asked.

"Sometimes that's misinterpreted or not looked at enough," he said of his willingness to move around, adding "I love center field."

Ross said Bryant would play some outfield but added: "His main position will be third." Bryant was one of Joe Maddon's most valuable chess pieces the last five years because of his versatility.

On another subject, Bryant said he didn't think MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred's apology for calling the World Series trophy a "piece of metal" was sufficient.

"I don't think people are accepting it," he said. "When you say something like that, I genuinely believe he really meant that it was just a piece of metal. Not to me. I have one in my office back home, and it's right in the middle, the center of attention.

"This was something that was very important to me and very important to the whole organization. We haven't had one in 108 years, and that piece of metal meant a lot to the whole city."

Can Manfred still be a viable commissioner without the support of the players?

"It's not really up to us. It's up to the owners and the management people in charge," he said. "If they think he's doing the right job, they're going to keep him."

MICHIGAN

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that since he was a sophomore leading the group to the National Championship game," DeJulius said. "So it's nothing new to us. It's just the Zavier Simpson we know who's a great leader on both ends of the court and aggressive on both ends of the court as well."

Michigan upped its lead to as many as nine points and stayed in front from there. Rutgers was 17-0 at home this season entering the game.

"It's loud, I'll say that," said Howard. "You have an energetic crowd … it's a small environment. It's one of the smaller arenas in the Big Ten and everyone talks about this historic place. I'm just glad I got to witness it."

Baker had 16 points to lead Rutgers. Harper pitched in with 13 points, while Akwasi Yeboah scored 10.

LIVERS OUT

Michigan's Isiah Livers injured his right ankle against Indiana in the Wolverines' previous game. While he returned to play in that game, he sat out in a walking boot against Rutgers. Howard said he was "day to day."

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Rutgers has never defeated Michigan, with the schools playing 12 previous times, dating back to 1933. Rutgers joined the Big Ten in 2014.

Michigan swept the season series, winning earlier at Madison Square Garden 69-63.

BIG PICTURE

Michigan: The Wolverines have had an up-and-down season. They've been ranked as high as No. 4 in the Top 25 poll early in the season, and have now won six of their last seven, after enduring a four-game losing streak.

Rutgers: As good as the Scarlet Knights have been at home, it's been a struggle on the road.

Sitting at 1-6 away from the cozy confines of the RAC, Rutgers has a couple of road opportunities coming up at Wisconsin and No. 9 Penn State. Either win improve their NCAA Tournament resume and give Rugers its first appearance in the tournament since 1991.

UP NEXT

Michigan: The Wolverines are at Purdue on Saturday.

Rutgers: The Scarlet Knights are at Wisconsin on Sunday.

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LEGALS

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF VAN BUREN

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

FILE NO. 20202010 GA

In the matter of: Linda Parrigin

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: Ted Parrigin, Lonney Parrigin, and Barbie Parrigin, whose addresses is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on March 26, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at VBC Probate Court, Courtroom #3 before Judge David J. Distefano P35010 for the following purpose:

GUARDIANSHIP APPOINTMENT OF AN ADULT

Date: 2/11/2020

Petitioner:
Diana Parrigin
42598 78th Street
Covert, MI 49043
269-519-8039

LEGALS

NOTICE
The Berrien County Parks Commission is seeking public comments on potentially applying for an acquisition and development grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. Berrien County Parks is considering acquiring land to expand Madeline Bertrand County Park in Niles Township and to begin Phase II of Paw Paw River County Park on M-140 just north Watervliet. Berrien County Parks is considering acquiring 33+/- acres adjacent to Madeline Bertrand County Park, tax ID 11-14-0860-0072-01-1 located directly north of the park along the St. Joseph River. The potential acquisition could enhance the St. Joseph River water trail, wildlife habitat, expand the trail system and provide additional hunting opportunities. Possible improvements considered for Paw Paw River County Park include a pedestrian bridge, expanded hard surface trails, river-overlook deck and a landscaped stoned river-stabilization area for fishing/kayaking. Citizens who wish to comment are asked to attend a public meeting at 8:35a.m. on Thursday, February 27th, 2020 at the Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, St. Joseph MI. The Berrien County Administration Center is ADA accessible. The Parks Commission plans to seek both an acquisition and development grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for the items outlined above. The improvements are a priority in the commissions 5 year parks plan.

LEGAL NOTICE

TO: ALL RESIDENTS OF ST. JOSEPH CHARTER TOWNSHIP

ST. JOSEPH CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Organizational meeting of the St. Joseph Charter Township Board of Review will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the St. Joseph Charter Township Hall. No appeals of 2020 assessments will be heard at this meeting.

The Board of Review will be held at the Township Hall, 3000 Washington Ave., St. Joseph, MI and will meet to hear appeals of 2020 assessments on Monday, March 9, 2020, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.; and Wednesday, March 11, 2020, from 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Resident and non-resident property owners may protest by letter on or before March 11, 2020.

Estimated multipliers for each class of property for 2020 are as follows:

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The tentative ratio for each class is 50%. The inflation rate for use in calculating 2020 capped values is 1.0190.

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Roger Seely
Supervisor/Secretary to Board of Review

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF ST. JOSEPH BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Accuracy Test for the MARCH 10, 2020 Presidential Primary will be conducted on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at the St. Joseph City Hall, City Commission Chambers, 700 Broad Street, St. Joseph, MI.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulating equipment and programs which will be used to tabulate the voted ballots for the City Election to be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 in the City of St. Joseph, Berrien County, Michigan.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

DENISE WESTFALL
CITY CLERK
CITY OF ST. JOSEPH

Legal Notice City of St. Joseph Board of Review

The Organizational Meeting of the City of St. Joseph Board of Review will be held on Tuesday March 3, 2020 at 3:00 pm in the first-floor conference room at 700 Broad Street, St. Joseph. No appeals of assessments will be heard at this time. The Board of Review will meet to hear appeals of 2020 assessments in the City Commission Chambers on Monday March 9, 2020 from 9am to 12 noon and 1pm to 4pm and Wednesday March 11, 2020 from 9am to 12 noon and 6pm to 9pm. Please call 269-983-1231 to make an appointment. Residents and non-residents may appeal by mail. Appeals by letter must be received on or before March 10, 2020. Estimated multipliers for each class of properties are as follows:

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Denise Westfall
City Clerk

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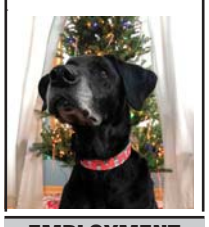

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HARTFORD TOWNSHIP

BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING
2020

Hartford Township Board of Review will meet to hear appeals of the 2020 Assessments at:
Hartford Township Hall 61310 CR 687, Hartford, MI 49057
March 3rd 8:00 A.M. Organizational Meeting only. No appeals heard.
March 9th 2 P.M. To 5 P.M. & 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
March 17th 9:00 A.M. To 12:00 Noon & 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Residents and Non-residents may file letters of protest and must be
received by March 17th, 2020

Tentative	Ratio %	Factor
Agriculture	51.00	1.0200
Commercial	47.17	0.9434
Industrial	49.27	0.9854
Residential	47.12	0.9424
Personal	50.00	1.0000

C.P.I. 1.9%

Assessments have been adjusted to result in an anticipated multiplier of 1.0000 for each class. With proposal A in effect the Taxable Values, excluding new construction and transfers of ownership are capped at the rate of inflation, 1.9%.

American with Disabilities (ADA) Notice
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Contact:Julie L. Sweet, Clerk
61310 CR 687, Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 621-4658 ext. 3

Board of Review Members: Bob Kilburn, Doug Meachum and Randy Kime,
Ron Sefcik - Secretary of Board of Review
Assessor – William J. Kays

Julie L. Sweet
Hartford Township Clerk

BOARD OF REVIEW PUBLIC NOTICE
KEELER TOWNSHIP
2020 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The Keeler Township March Board of Review for 2020 will be held at the Keeler Township Hall, 64121 Territorial Rd W., Hartford, MI 49057 on the following dates:

March 3rd, 2020 9:30 am – Organizational Meeting – No Appeals
March 9th, 2020 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm & 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm = Appeal Hearing*
March 16th, 2020 9:00 am – 12:00 Noon & 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm = Appeal Hearing*

Letters of protest will be accepted if received by March 16, 2020.
All residents and non-residents may protest by letter to the Board of Review.
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The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2020 are as follows:

Class	Ratio	Factor
*Agricultural	50.09%	.99820
*Residential	47.96%	1.04254
*Commercial	46.75%	1.06952
*Industrial	49.90%	1.00200
*Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000

Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Notice
The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon five (5) day notice to the Township Clerk.

Anne M. Richmond, Assessor
Carl F. Davis, Clerk

AUCTION

Please take notice. StayLock Storage intends to hold an auction of goods for the following units in default for non-payment of rent. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagetreasures.com on 2/27 at 1pm.

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Krause, G 6127 Long Lake Rd Berrien Springs, MI 49103

390 Park St Coloma MI 49038
Wesaw, R 6287 N Shore Dr Coloma, MI 49038

COVERT TOWNSHIP
2020 BOARD OF REVIEW
COVERT TOWNSHIP HALL
73943 LAKE STREET – COVERT, MI

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ONLY

NO APPEALS – EXECUTIVE SESSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020 AT 2:00PM

APPEAL HEARINGS ARE BY APPOINTMENTS ONLY.

Call Laura Fogarty at (269)764-8986 to schedule an appointment.
APPEAL HEARINGS:
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020
2:00PM – 5:00PM
6:00PM – 9:00PM
SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2020
9:00AM – 12:00PM
1:00PM – 4:00PM
Written appeals must be received by our office (not post-marked) by 4:00PM Thursday, March 12, 2020.
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LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Organizational meeting will be held on March 3, 2020 at 11:30 am in the assessor's office of the Lincoln Township Municipal Building. No appeals of 2020 assessments will be heard at this time. The Board of Review will meet to hear appeals of 2020 assessments by appointment on March 9, 9 am-12:00 pm and 1:00-4:00 pm. Also on March 11, 2:00 pm-5:00 pm and 6:00 pm–9:00 pm. Appointments may be made by calling 269-429-1589 ext 103 during regular business hours of 9 am to 5 pm. Resident and non-resident property owners may protest by letter on or before March 6, 2020. Estimated multipliers for each class of property for 2020 are as follows:

Agricultural….....	1.0163
Commercial….....	1.1138
Industrial….....	1.0098
Residential….....	1.2375

The tentative ratio for each class is 50%. The inflation rate multiplier for use in calculating 2020 capped value is 1.019

The Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to those with disabilities planning to attend upon three (3) days' notice to the Township Clerk. If you require such aids or services and plan to appeal in person please call the Township.

Richard Stauffer Supervisor/Secretary to the Board of Review.

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HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

What are you waiting for? Step up to the plate and hit the ball out of the park. You've got what it takes to push your way to the top, so don't be lazy, or you may miss out on something fabulous. Live your dream and have an adventure.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A change of attitude regarding your health and fitness will help you restore energy and enthusiasm, as well as improve your appearance. Work hard and be confident in your skills.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't expect anything in return for your efforts. Offer only what you are comfortable giving to others. If you are too accommodating, someone will take advantage of you. Aim to please yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Get involved in something that interests you. What you learn will be helpful when you want to make a vocational move. An unexpected opportunity is heading your way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A co-worker or colleague will let you down. Leave nothing to chance or at the mercy of someone else's discretion. Don't let compliments go to your head or allow anyone to interfere with your efficiency.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Spend time with people who bring out the best in you. Sharing ideas, skills and experience will give you a sense of belonging, and good work relationships will develop.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Follow your heart and do what comes naturally. Update your skills, image or long-term plans. A romantic gesture will change the dynamics of a relationship.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Experience new surroundings, get to know people from different backgrounds and pursue knowledge that will revitalize your desire to pursue a lifelong goal. Youngsters and seniors will offer unexpected insight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Spend less time with negative people and more time pursuing personal goals. A makeover will give you the boost you need to regain confidence and a larger perspective. Romance is encouraged.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Consistency will be required if you want to make an impression on someone. Work in conjunction with others for best results. Add comfort and convenience to your living space.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Digest what's going on around you and be careful who and what you believe. Spend less time socializing and more time at home relaxing and taking care of your personal needs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) An unusual opportunity will develop if you get in touch with someone from your past. The way you make and handle money will change the way you live.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Reflect and consider your options before you respond to someone. Time is on your side. Pay attention to detail and to the effects of your words or actions.

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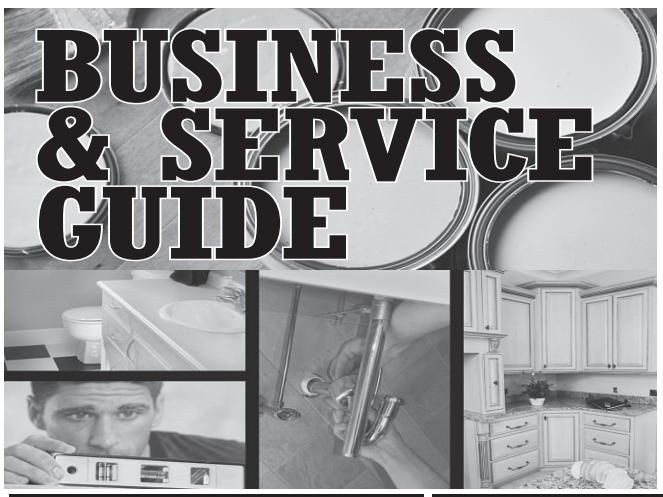

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TRUCKS: "It's an unbelievable feeling. It's the 100th win for Ford in the series — unbelievable for them. God's blessed us with a great opportunity to come out here and pull it off tonight." - **Grant Enfinger**, who held off Jordan Anderson on the final lap of overtime Friday at Daytona to win the NextEra Energy 250 by .010 seconds.

Go online and check out thatsracin.com for the latest information and news on stock-car racing, updated daily.

Ryan Newman (6) goes airborne after crashing with Corey LaJoie (32) near the finish of Monday's Daytona 500.

MIKE EHRMANN FOR NASCAR

Ryan Newman somehow survived crash — for that, we're all thankful

Somehow, thankfully, Ryan Newman is alive.

We can thank God for that, because how Ryan Newman ever survived Monday's crash at the Daytona 500 is almost impossible to fathom.

Newman

Newman's car went where no cars are ever supposed to go. Airborne. Flipping. On fire.

It looked like a stunt from an Arnold Schwarzenegger movie, but scarier, because this was real. People watched it on TV and cried. People at the track put up black curtains so you couldn't see the aftermath.

For those of us who remember Dale Earnhardt Sr. getting killed in a last-lap crash at the 2001 Daytona 500, this felt eerily similar. And in some ways, it seemed worse at first.

Newman's wreck seemed more ghastly. It was more terrifying on replay. It was the sort of thing that makes you bow your head and hit your knees and, even then, expect the worst.

But then came news via Roush Fenway Racing, Newman's employer, late Monday night. The statement read, in full: "Ryan Newman is being treated at Halifax Medical Center. He is in serious condition, but doctors have indicated his injuries are not life-threatening. We appreciate your thoughts and prayers and ask that you respect the privacy of Ryan and his family during this time. We appreciate your patience and cooperation and we will provide more information as it becomes available."

Newman, 42, almost won the 2020 Daytona 500. He was leading in the final lap in his No. 6 Ford until his bumper got locked up with driver Ryan Blaney, who was actually trying to help push him to the win. Then, after Blaney turned him sideways and Newman hit the wall, his car bounced back into the track and got hit again by Corey LaJoie. And then the nightmare began.

Photos show the underside of Newman's car as it careened above the field. Pieces were flying off. Although you couldn't see Newman at all in those photos, the pictures somehow still felt a little obscene — like you were seeing something you shouldn't.

Then came the rest of the crash, as Newman's car slammed into the asphalt and skidded across the track, on its roof and on fire. A shower of sparks flew. Denny Hamlin, the race winner, celebrated briefly (he would apologize for doing so later, as would team owner Joe Gibbs). He also said: "I think we take for granted sometimes how safe the cars are. But number one, we're praying for Ryan."

Blaney was more concerned with the well-being of his fellow competitor than his runner-up finish to Denny Hamlin, who also recorded the closest Daytona 500 finish when he beat Martin Truex Jr. by .010 seconds in 2016.

Blaney

"We pushed Newman there to the lead, and then we got a push from the 11, and I made a move off 4 on Newman and he blocked it, and I kind of went low and he blocked that, so then I was committed to just pushing him to the win and trying to have a Ford win it.

"And I don't know, we just got bumpers hooked up wrong and turned him. I hope he's all right. Definitely was trying to push him to a win. I don't want to say, 'Those things happen.' I feel really bad about it. Man, but close one. But I hope Ryan is all right."

Yes, the cars do seem safe. They have seemed safe for a while now. Earnhardt's death 19 years ago was the last time a driver died in any of NASCAR's top three national touring series.

Earnhardt's death shook the sport and changed it dramatically. Safety suggestions became safety mandates. Walls literally became softer. A sport that had too often killed its own for too many years (Fireball Roberts, Adam Petty, Neil Bonnett, Joe Weatherly) was still seeing cars get smashed up, but drivers were no longer dying at the highest level.

At 42, Newman is a likable and opinionated veteran of the garage, with 18 Cup wins and 51 poles. When he first entered the Cup series full-time in 2002, he did so with such a flourish that he beat out Jimmie Johnson to become rookie of the year. I remember how much fun he had in those early years with his numerous victories on pole night and race day, and him saying sometimes: "Nothing wrong with grinning when you're winning."

Newman is one of the few drivers you will find with a college diploma, having graduated with an engineering degree from Purdue. He has two lovely daughters. He and his wife of 16 years, Krissie, announced only last week via social media that they were going to amicably split.

Newman has been involved in several awful-looking crashes before, including another at Daytona, and he has kept on driving. Hopefully he will have the chance to drive again some day before too long — either in a race car, or simply shuttling his daughters around the family's Rescue Ranch in Statesville along some of their beloved dogs.

It's hard to tell now. The crash was terrible. The car was nearly obliterated.

But Ryan Newman is alive. And after what happened, that alone feels like a victory.

— Scott Fowler, Charlotte Observer

WINNER'S QUOTE

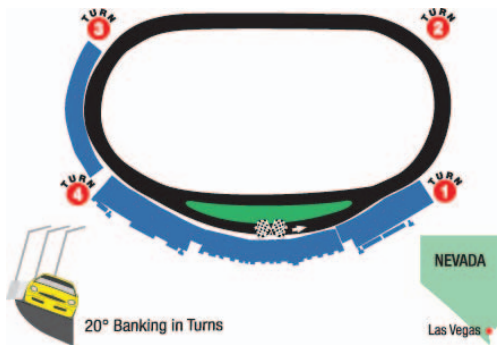
"Proud of our whole FedEx team. I don't even know what to say. It's so unexpected. I mean, I knew they (Ryan Blaney and Ryan Newman) were going to come with a big run there. My job was to just make sure I didn't put a block that was going to wreck me, live to race another corner."

— Denny Hamlin, who overcame the late wreck to win Monday's weather-delayed Daytona 500. Hamlin is the fourth driver to win back-to-back Daytona 500s, joining Richard Petty (1973-74), Cale Yarborough (1983-84) and Sterling Marlin (1994-95).

Denny Hamlin and crew in Victory Lane.

CHRIS GRAYTHEN FOR NASCAR

NEXT RACE



PENNZOIL 400

Distance: 267 laps, or 400.5 miles.
Where: Las Vegas Motor Speedway, a 1.5-mile asphalt tri-oval in Las Vegas.
When: 3:30 p.m. ET Sunday.
TV: FOX. **Radio:** Performance Racing Network.
Last year's winner: Joey Logano.

Logano

2020 CUP SERIES STANDINGS

Top 30 as of Feb. 17

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Denny Hamlin #11	50	16 J.H. Nemechek #38	26
2 Ryan Blaney #12	43	17 Matt DiBenedetto #21	25
3 Kevin Harvick #4	39	18 Erik Jones #20	24
4 Chris Buescher #17	38	19 Michael McDowell #34	23
5 Ryan Newman #6	36	20 Jimmie Johnson #48	22
6 Kyle Larson #42	35	21 Alex Bowman #88	22
7 Chase Elliott #9	34	22 Brennan Poole #15	21
8 David Ragan #36	33	23 Christopher Bell #95	18
9 Aric Almirola #10	32	24 Martin Truex Jr #19	16
10 R. Stenhouse Jr #47	32	25 Kyle Busch #18	12
11 Clint Bowyer #14	31	26 William Byron #24	11
12 Austin Dillon #3	30	27 Tyler Reddick #8	10
13 Joey Logano #22	30	28 Brad Keselowski #2	8
14 Corey Lajoie #32	29	29 Ty Dillon #13	8
15 Bubba Wallace #43	28	30 Ryan Preece #37	8

2020 XFINITY SERIES STANDINGS

Top 20 as of Feb. 15

Noah Gragson in Victory Lane after winning the Racing Experience 300 at Daytona Saturday.

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Noah Gragson #9	49	11 Alex Labbe #36	29
2 Justin Haley #11	46	12 JJ Yeley #52	25
3 Harrison Burton #20	38	13 Justin Allgaier #7	25
4 Brandon Jones #19	36	14 BJ McLeod #0	24
5 Brandon Brown #68	35	15 Vinnie Miller #78	23
6 Ryan Sieg #39	35	16 Austin Cindric #22	23
7 Michael Annett #1	35	17 Mike Harmon #74	21
8 Chase Briscoe #98	34	18 Robby Lyons #15	20
9 Jeb Burton #8	32	19 David Starr #6	19
10 Ray Black Jr #7	29	20 Ross Chastain #10	19

2020 TRUCK SERIES STANDINGS

Top 20 as of Feb. 14

Grant Enfinger in Victory Lane after winning the NextEra Energy 250 at Daytona Friday.

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Grant Enfinger #98	53	11 Tyler Ankrum #26	27
2 Austin Hill #16	42	12 Zane Smith #21	26
3 Johnny Sauter #13	39	13 Stewart Friesen #52	25
4 Jordan Anderson #3	35	14 Raphael Lessard #4	24
5 Codie Rohrbaugh #9	34	15 Cory Roper #4	23
6 Derek Kraus #19	33	16 Christian Eckes #18	23
7 Natalie Decker #44	32	17 Matt Crafton #88	22
8 Brett Moffitt #23	31	18 Todd Gilliland #38	22
9 Sheldon Creed #2	30	19 Ben Rhodes #99	21
10 Jason White #33	27	20 Korbin Forrister #7	19

Xfinity: Gragson grabs first win in wild shootout

When a wreck on the backstretch at Daytona ended Saturday's NASCAR Racing Experience 300, Noah Gragson was in the lead, and when the driver of the No. 9 JR Motorsports Chevrolet crossed the finish line under caution, he claimed his long-awaited first Xfinity victory.

Gragson recovered from an early pit road speeding penalty to take control of the race. His crew chief, Dave Elenz, won for the fourth time at Daytona with his fourth different driver.

"We were wide open all day and managed to control the group behind us really well," said Gragson, who climbed the frontstretch fence to celebrate his maiden win. "My spotter, Earl Barban, did a great job. He led me to this victory. Very, very thankful to everybody at JR Motorsports, (engine supplier) Hendrick Motorsports for the great power and building this new chassis. Without everybody like that, it just wouldn't be possible.

'We were wide open all day and managed to control the group behind us really well.' – Noah Gragson

"Just trying to stay focused, stay positive when we threw it away on that speeding penalty after that first stage. But I'm so, so proud to be on this team. We stayed till 9:30 the night before we came down here working on the hauler. The team chemistry is better than it's ever been. And I'm ready to go and do this deal some more."

A strong push in the top lane from runner-up Harrison Burton propelled Gragson into the lead after the final restart on Lap 198 of 200. On the final lap, Gragson had pulled away from his pursuers by roughly two car lengths before Brandon Brown knocked Michael Annett's Chevrolet sideways and started the wreck that ended the race under yellow.

The caution froze the finishing order, with Timmy Hill, Brandon Jones and Chase Briscoe running third, fourth and fifth, respectively. A 12-car wreck on Lap 114 that eliminated the contending cars of Jeb Burton and Austin Cindric set up the three-lap dash to the finish.

Previous multicar crashes had KO'd Justin Allgaier and first-time pole winner Myatt Snider. Jeb Burton (26 laps), Allgaier (23) and Snider (22) combined to lead 71 circuits, but none of the three was running at the finish of the race.

Harrison Burton thought he had an excellent at the victory before the wreck and caution on the final lap.

"Noah got out front about a car-and-a-half, and I thought 'He might be in trouble here,' but then the caution came out," Burton said. "Just really proud of our guys. We had a tough day. I think that there were a couple times in the race that we were down and out, and our guys clawed it out. I was proud of that effort."

Briscoe had grabbed the lead from Gragson before the wreck on Lap 114 but couldn't hold it after the final restart.

"That one is going to sting for a while for sure," Briscoe said. "I feel like we were making more moves than anybody and I thought I was going to have a really good shot there at the end. I don't know what was up with the 19, he couldn't give me any help on the bottom.

"It was just one of those where you wish you would have picked the top. We went on the bottom because at the time it felt like the right decision."

Justin Haley, Brandon Brown, Ray Black Jr., Ryan Sieg and Alex Labbe completed the top 10.

— NASCAR reports

hp ENTERTAINMENT

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West-Michigan Americana band, Roosevelt Diggs, returns to The Livery on Saturday night.

Music that people respond to

West-Michigan's Roosevelt Diggs returns to The Livery

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Some bands have a goal of playing the Super Bowl halftime show one day. Others are just looking to make music that people respond to.

The latter is what Roosevelt Diggs, a West Michigan Americana band, aims to do at every show. The band returns to The Livery on Saturday night.

"It's such a cool venue," Levi Duddles, vocalist and lead guitarist for the band, said in a recent phone interview. "Ever since we played there the first time, we've wanted to come back. We would encourage anyone looking for a high energy night of entertainment to come out. We're ready."

Levi Duddles started the band with his brother, Logan Duddles, who plays acoustic guitar and also sings.

"It's been a long journey for us. Logan and I started playing music together as teenagers. While we never really had a solid band, we continued to play music for years," Levi Duddles said. "And as we got more serious, we had played in a band with another brother and a good friend and it ended, not badly, then we went our separate ways."

Then, the two brothers played as a duo for a while before inviting upright bassist Jon Shears to join them in 2008.

That's when the question of a band name came up. Levi Duddles said they get asked about the name Roosevelt Diggs often.

"It came from the phone book," he said. "We grew up before caller ID, and, to make a long story short, we had attempted to prank phone call several people and that was one of the names we found in the book. Never once did we talk to the real Roosevelt Diggs. When we needed a band name, that came up, and it seemed like a perfect fit."

After several years of being a trio, the men decided to bring on a percussionist.

"We had a friend that we knew and played a show with him and it was a great fit," Levi Duddles said. "He stayed on seven-plus years, and left in 2017. At that time we made another move to bring in a different drummer, and that was when John Ellsworth entered the fray."

Roosevelt Diggs has since released several albums, played

See **DIGGS**, page D4

If You Go

Who: Roosevelt Diggs

When: 8:30 p.m. Saturday

Where: The Livery, 190 Fifth St., Benton Harbor

How much: $10 suggested admission

More info: 925-8760 or liverybrew.com

Artist info: www.rooseveltdiggs.com

thehp.com

Read this story online to watch a live performance by Roosevelt Diggs.

Photo provided

Roosevelt Diggs returns to The Livery on Saturday night.

IN BRIEF

Rep. Fred Upton announces 2020 art competition

ST. JOSEPH — U.S. Rep. Fred Upton, R-St. Joseph, has invited high school students living in Michigan's Sixth Congressional District to take part in the 2020 Congressional Art Competition.

The winner will have their art displayed in the U.S. Capitol for a year along with award winners from districts across the United States.

The winner and a guest also will be invited to a reception in Washington, D.C.

Upton's office again is partnering with the Kalamazoo Institute of Art for the competition. Entries will be accepted through March 8.

The competition in the Sixth District is being held in conjunction with the KIA's High School Area Show, an annual juried art exhibition with slightly different requirements. Information about the area show, awards and prizes can be found at bit.ly/2HDtMXE.

Entry forms for the congressional competition can be found online at bit.ly/2wqzYQk.

Styx to perform at Four Winds Casino's Silver Creek center

NEW BUFFALO — Styx will make a July 3 tour stop at Four Winds Casino Resort's Silver Creek Event Center, 11111 Wilson Road.

Tickets for the 9 p.m. show, which range from $75 to $105, go on sale Friday.

They can be purchased online at www.fourwindscasino.com. For more information, call 866-494-6371.

Founded in Chicago in 1972, Styx was the first band in rock history to have four consecutive certified multimillion-selling albums in a row: 1977's "The Grand Illusion," 1978's "Pieces of Eight," 1979's "Cornerstone" and 1981's "Paradise Theatre."

After 14 years, Styx's 16th studio album, "The Mission," was released in 2017.

For more information about Styx, visit styxworld.com.

Kendall classes resume at the Box Factory for the Arts

ST. JOSEPH — The Berrien Artist Guild at the Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., has established a partnership with the Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University for continuing studies courses.

The next session begins March 9 with classes like Great Lakes Grandeur (painting), Fundamentals of Interior Design, Adobe InDesign, Abstract Painting Techniques, Intermediate Digital Photography, Modern Calligraphy Workshop, and Bullet Journaling Workshop.

Not only is this an opportunity for adults to develop skills in the arts, it's also an opportunity for local graduates of KCAD and Ferris State University to become the instructors.

For more information, or to register for a class, visit kcad.ferris.edu/continuing-studies.

For more information about the Box, visit boxfactoryforthearts.org, or call 983-3688.

Improv group coming to The Mendel Center

BENTON HARBOR — Lake Michigan College has announced another addition to the Hanson Theatre Living Room Series.

See **BRIEFS**, page D4

WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

Free concert to be held in Niles

NILES — Michiana Christian Embassy, 1922 E. Main St., will host a free concert this weekend.

The progressive bluegrass/country/Americana band Neshama will perform at 7 p.m. Friday.

Neshama uses bouzouki, violin, banjo, guitar, keys and djembe, as well as their own vocals, to perform at festivals, pubs and churches around the country.

The group – Travis Bartow, Johnny Newell and Isaac Bartow – has performed at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn., and won the Inspirational Country Music Association's National Talent Showcase in 2017. That same year, they released their first national radio single, "The Journey."

The origin of "Neshama" is derived from the Genesis account of creation when God breathed the "neshama," or "soul," into Adam, giving him life. That is the band's goal: to give life through their music.

Friday's concert is open to the public.

For more information about the event, visit www.michianachristianembassy.com.

For more information about the band, visit www.neshamatheband.com.

Photo provided

Neshama visits Southwest Michigan this week for a show at Michiana Christian Embassy.

Chris Burch returns to Iron Shoe Distillery

NILES — An alternative rock-influenced singer/songwriter and guitarist will perform tomorrow night in Niles.

Chris Burch will go on at 8 p.m. at Iron Shoe Distillery, 3 N. Third St. He will perform acoustic originals and hand-selected covers from Elvis to Tom Petty to the Foo Fighters.

Based in Indiana, Burch has been performing to audiences across the country for many years.

He cut his teeth playing in punk and grunge rock bands while living in Bloomington, Ind. During that time, he wrote on his acoustic guitar, and sporadically performed as a solo act.

In 2008, Burch moved to Phoenix, where he eventually assembled a five-piece rock band, Every Letter, and toured the Southwest. After calling it quits with Every Letter, he began performing as a solo artist and drawing more influence from his favorite singer/songwriters.

He has since moved back to his home state of Indiana, where he has been performing regionally as a solo act, duo and trio since 2013.

For more information about Burch, visit www.chrisburchmusic.com.

Andrews Symphony Orchestra presents winter concert

BERRIEN SPRINGS — The Andrews University Symphony Orchestra will explore two of the most beloved compositions for symphony orchestra during its winter concert this weekend.

The orchestra will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Howard Performing Arts Center, 4160 E. Campus Circle Drive.

The concert's theme, "Sweet Dreams," is a nod to the literary sources for each composition, which blur the distinction between dreaming and waking.

The orchestra, conducted by Chris Wild, will perform Claude Debussy's "Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune" and Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov's "Scheherazade."

"Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune," or "Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun," was composed in 1894, and is considered Debussy's breakthrough work. The piece was inspired in part by a poem of the same name by poet Stéphane Mallarmé.

"Scheherazade," composed in 1888, reflects a composer at the peak of his abilities,

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PRIME TIME TV

THURSDAY EVENING FEB. 20

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Station 19 "Into the Woods" (N) CC		Grey's Anatomy "A Diagnosis" (N) CC		:01 A Million Little Things (N) CC	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	Young Sheldon	:31 The Unicorn	:01 Mom (N) CC	Car-ol's-Act	Tommy A Hollywood producer is attacked.	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Holly-wood	Super-store (N)	Brooklyn Nine-Nine	Will & Grace (N)	Indebted (N) CC	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N)	
FOX 17 22 28 32	Modern Family	Last Man Standing	Out-matched	Deputy An ex-Marine turns up dead. (N)		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Radar-Mich-igan	Queen Elizabeth's Secret Agents CC		Father Brown "The Dance of Death"		Antiques Roadshow (Part 1 of 3) CC	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Katy Keene (N) CC		Dogs of the Year CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud (N)	Chicago P.D. "The Three Gs" CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Katy Keene (N) CC		Dogs of the Year CC		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 46	:00 Heart-land	Heartland "Things We Lost"		Highway to Heaven CC		The List (N) CC	Celebrity Page (N)
WGN 9	News	black-ish	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 (N) CC		The First 48 "Fateful Date" (N) CC		:01 60 Days In (N) CC	
AMC	6:00 Rocky IV	★★ The Book of Eli ('10, Adventure) Denzel Washington, Gary Oldman, Mila Kunis. CC					Total Recall
Animal	Yukon	Yukon Men		Yukon Men		Lone Star Law	
BET	:00 Fruitvale Station ('13)			★★★ Creed ('15) Michael B. Jordan.			
Big Ten	Women's College Basketball			College Wrestling: Panthers at Badgers			
Bravo	Project Runway Designers create tie-dye textiles. CC			Project Runway (N) CC			Watch What
Cartoon	Titans	Home	Burgers	Burgers	Rick	American	American
Cinemax	5:50 Déjà Vu	★★ Mr. & Mrs. Smith ('05, Action) Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie. CC				★★ Rampage ('18, Action) CC	
CMT	★★ Where the Heart Is ('00) Natalie Portman. CC						Footloose
CNBC	Shark	Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Anderson Cooper		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
Discovery	Rescue	Homestead Rescue (N) CC		:01 Homestead Rescue "Fire & Gold"		:01 Building Off the Grid (N) CC	
Disney	Bunk'd	Zombies 2 ('20) CC			Gabby	Sydney	Bunk'd
DIY	Alaska	Building Alaska		Building Alaska		Maine Cabin Masters	
E!	Cavallari	Very Cavallari CC		Very Cavallari (N)		Nightly	The Soup
ESPN	College Basketball			College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (L)			
ESPN2	College Basketball			College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (L)			
ESPNC	Basket	College Football From Nov. 30, 1996.				College Football	
Food	Restaur	Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	NBA Basketball: Bucks at Pistons				Pistons Live (N)		Oakland
Freefrm	Twi-light-Dawn	grown-ish (N) CC	Everything	The Bold Type (N) CC		grown-ish CC	Everything
FX	X-Men: Apoc	★★ Fast & Furious 6 ('13, Action) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. Hobbs offers Dom and crew a full pardon for their help. CC					
Golf	Central	PGA Tour Golf WGC - Mexico Championship, First Round.					
Hallmark	Harvest Moon	Like Cats and Dogs ('17, Romance-Comedy) Cassidy Gifford, Wyatt Nash. CC				Love at First Bark ('17) CC	
HBO	The New Pope	★★★ The Conjuring 2 ('16, Horror) Patrick Wilson, Vera Farmiga. CC				:15 Curb Your Enthusiasm CC	
History	Swamp	Swamp People		Swamp People (N)		:03 Swamp People	
HGTV	Flip	Flip	Flip	Christina	Christina	Hot Prop.	Hunt Intl
Learning	My Feet	Dr. Pimple Popper		Feet-Killing Me		Feet-Killing Me	
Lifetime	★ Big Daddy	★★ 50 First Dates ('04) Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore, Rob Schneider. CC				:03 ★ The Ugly Truth ('09) CC	
MSNBC	Hardball	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Floribama	Floribama Shore (N)		:01 Ex on the Beach		Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Bulls	NBA Basketball Charlotte Hornets at Chicago Bulls. (N)					Postgame
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Nick	Sponge.	Journey 2-Myst		Journey 2-Myst		Friends	Friends
NGEO	Untamed	Port Protection		Life Below Zero		:03 Life Below Zero	
Oxygen	:00 Killer Couples	Killer Couples (N) CC		In Ice Cold Blood "Widowed Witness"		Snapped "Vegas Bray" CC	
Parmt	6:30 Coming to America			Wife Swap (N) CC		Coming to America	
Showtime	:25 Kid-ding	7:55 Homeland		:45 ★★ The Best of Enemies ('19, Historical Drama) Taraji P. Henson, Sam Rockwell. CC			
Starz	Erin Brock	:01 Wrong Man CC		8:55 ★★ The Wedding Date ('05) Debra Messing. CC			America Sweet
STZENC	:00 ★★★ Lethal Weapon 3 ('92, Action) Mel Gibson. CC			★★★ Stan & Ollie ('18, Biography) Steve Coogan. CC			Whole 9 Yards
SyFy	★★ The Transporter ('02, Action) Jason Statham, Shu Qi. CC				★★ Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters ('13) CC		
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Hot One-Game
TCM	Mr. Smith Goes	★★★ The Talk of the Town ('42, Comedy) Cary Grant, Jean Arthur. CC				:15 ★★★ My Favorite Wife ('40)	
TMC	Fal-	★★★ Groundhog Day ('93) Bill Murray. CC			:45 ★★★ Midnight in Paris ('11) Owen Wilson. CC		
TNT	:00 Bones	NBA Basketball Brooklyn Nets at Philadelphia 76ers.					Basket
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures (N) CC				The Dead Files (N)	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King
USA	Law & Or-der: SVU	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		The Sinner "Part III" (N) CC (DVS)		:02 Briarpatch (N) CC (DVS)	
VH1	Stomp	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out
WGN-A	M*A*S*H CC	M*A*S*H CC	M*A*S*H CC	M*A*S*H CC	M*A*S*H CC	M*A*S*H CC	M*A*S*H CC

Wife says friend living upstairs should move on

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have a friend, "George," who rents our upstairs. Our home is large, and the second floor has all the amenities of a 2,500-square-foot house. He has his separate entrance and never has to come through our living space.

In the beginning, I agreed to the arrangement because he was going through a divorce and needed a place to live. Now, for the past several months, his ex has been spending nights upstairs. We just celebrated the holidays, and his family was here together.

I'm feeling very confused and uncomfortable having them both up there. Now that George seems to have worked through his marital problems, I feel it's time he moves out. My husband doesn't understand why I feel this way and can't understand why I want my house back! Please give me some insight on how to handle this. Or am I overreacting? Please tell me I'm not being selfish. – Being Used In The South

DEAR BEING USED: You are not selfish, and you're not overreacting. Refresh your husband's memory about how the arrangement began. It was a safe refuge for a friend going through a traumatic life change. Those circumstances no longer apply, and if you are not comfortable with George entertaining his ex under your roof, it is understandable. Communal living is not for everyone.

DEAR ABBY: Recently, my husband booked me and our infant son on a trip to visit some of his family in California. I didn't want to go in the first place because I was, and still am, struggling with postpartum depression, anxiety and stress in our relationship.

I had one request: Do not put me and our infant son in the head-of-the-household's car. My husband's father drives recklessly and shows no regard for human life. Well, of course my husband didn't speak up about it, and we ended up in Mr. Reckless' car. Now I look like "the difficult wife" because I'd rather catch a rideshare or fly back home. Am I being dramatic or overly concerned with safety? – Safe Or Sorry In The Midwest

DEAR SAFE OR SORRY: Overly concerned? It's your job to be concerned with safety. Because your husband failed to speak up didn't mean that YOU shouldn't have.

As a mother, you are responsible for your baby's safety. You should have expressed that if you and your little one – in a child seat, I presume – couldn't travel in someone else's vehicle, you would be taking other transportation. In the future, when visiting your in-laws, this is what you should do.

DEAR ABBY: Today was warm, so my friend and I went for a walk with my dog at a neighborhood park. We decided to rest on a park bench that was shaded by trees. A man was sitting there, and I asked if he would mind if we shared the bench with him. The man said he was waiting for a personal call. I told him we wouldn't listen and sat down. The man stood up and said angrily that we should have respected the fact he was there first and stalked off! Were we wrong to sit down? – Baffled In California

DEAR BAFFLED: No, you were not wrong. It's a public park. If the man was uncomfortable talking in front of you, he should have taken his phone and talked elsewhere – which he did.

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Reeling from husband walking out leaving me with two kids and pregnant!

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from a recent online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: My husband is leaving me because he's in love with someone else. I'm 29 weeks pregnant, we have a 3-year-old and a 5-year-old, and we just moved to a different state a few months ago. Now I'm in a new state without friends or family, pregnant and abandoned by my husband, trying to explain to my children why daddy won't come home anymore.

I'm just shattered. I have no one to turn to right now, and my friends and family are all in a completely different state. I want to move back but how would that even work? I'm not even sure my old job would rehire me since I trained my replacement, and I'm pregnant, I don't even know how I'd begin a job search.

Please tell me it gets better, because I'm reeling and I don't know what to do. – **Reeling**

Wow.

OK. This answer could go two ways, the comfort route or the practical. And I'm thinking practical right now, because that can take you to much better sources of comfort than I could ever be.

It's not true you have "no one to turn to." You have these out-of-state friends and family. They can't babysit for you on short notice, no, but you can call them, lean on them, brainstorm with them, go stay with them, or have one or three of them come stay with you as you pack up to move closer to them.

You might also be surprised at how many new acquaintances, even near-strangers, will rally for someone in your spot. (Wouldn't you?) So don't be shy.

And don't wonder whether your old job would re-hire you. *Ask*. Say the move didn't work out and you're coming back and are there any openings?

That is, if you think going back is the answer. You could also go full badass and put down roots where you are – I have no doubt you could manage it, because people do, and as all five of us know who saw the Anthony Hopkins movie "The Edge": "What one man can do, another can do" – and a woman can do backward and in heels.

Just a little #$&!-my-life humor.

The answer in general to the, "How would that even work?" question is, always, one increment at a time. If you need a place to get the big feelings out, so you can be capable again of calm, higher-order planning, then I suggest therapy ASAP.

Hang in there. He left because he's not strong; you'll get through this because you are.

RE NEWLY SINGLE: Many hugs – you're not alone!! For right now, one foot in front of the other. Reach out to anyone you know who seems discreet, or to clergy, and ask for a few things: lawyer recommendations, mom group recommendations, therapist recommendation. Maybe you can talk to your kids' pediatrician.

You're probably at higher risk for postpartum depression now. Be really nice to yourself. I'm a single mom, and this stuff is HARD. It's OK if the kids eat cereal or PBJ for dinner a few nights a week, watch too much TV, etc. You are doing amazing, you'll get through the day, week, month, year, and will be OK at the end of it. – **Single Mom**

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Record
4 Pod vegetable
7 Belfry dweller
10 Tall bird
11 WWW addresses
13 Rounded roof
14 Court evidence, maybe
15 Sir's companion
16 Omigosh!
17 Stalemate
19 Building extensions
20 Tempe inst.
21 Stand up
23 Mr. Uris of "Topaz"
26 Second showing
28 Moon, in verse
29 Princess Di's niece
30 Snow shelter
34 Arrogance
36 Guitarist — Wood
38 Zippy the Pinhead's cry
39 State Farm competitor
41 D.C. figures
42 Rustle
44 Sorority letter
46 Full extent
47 Relieved
51 Indianapolis gridder
52 Midday
53 Hearty laugh
55 Bohemian
56 Karate move
57 Sports "zebra"
58 Yves' nose
59 Aurora locale
60 List ender

DOWN
1 Was ahead
2 All, in combos
3 Largest of the Marianas
4 Mountain lions
5 Deletion
6 Sad cry
7 Fixes potatoes
8 Plenty
9 Golf pegs
12 Campaign tactic
13 Tinting
18 Poor review
22 Make a mess
23 Prune
24 Mess up
25 Osaka sash
27 Merit
29 Hive occupants
31 Drain cleaner
32 Alley — cries
33 Startled cries
35 Delicate
37 Rowboat device
40 Part of TGIF
41 Trigger's rider
42 Mushroom-to-be
43 Ballroom dance
45 Sneezer's need
46 Survey
48 "— & Clark"
49 Fictional governess
50 Two voices
54 Col. Sanders' place

Answer to Previous Puzzle

A	M	U	S	E				P	O	R	E	D
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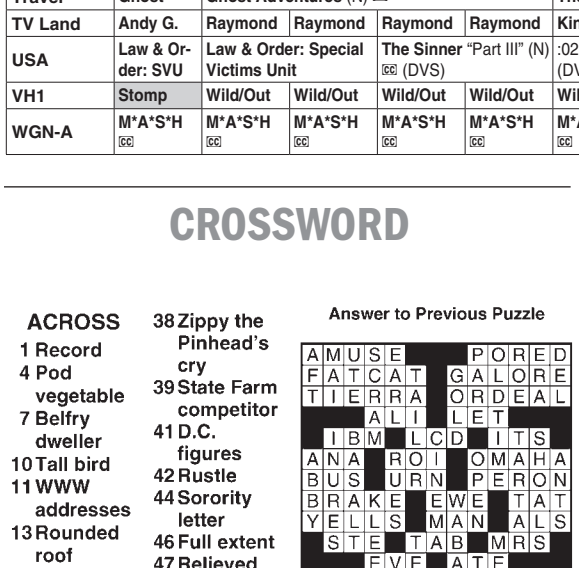

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

CNPIH

TAFIH

PRETEN

CISOLA

Ready for our famous flaming saganaki? OPA!
OPA!
They've been doing this since 1968.
I never get tired of this!
2/20
FLAMING GREEK CHEESE HAS LONG BEEN POPULAR AND WASN'T JUST A ---
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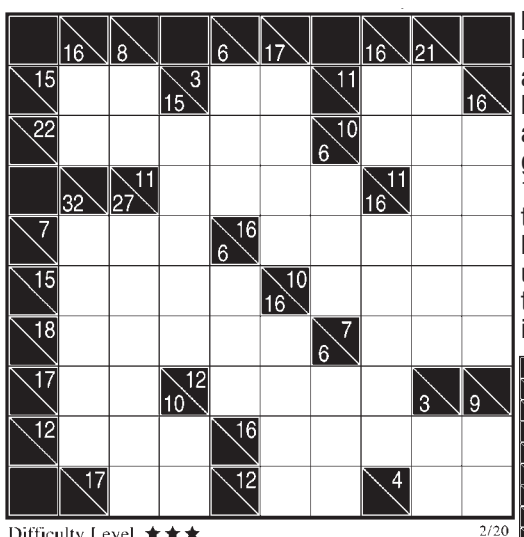
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

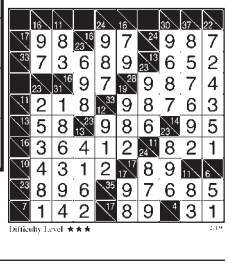
Yesterday's Jumbles: ABATE LATCH SUNTAN SKETCH
Answer: She picked up her favorite espresso drink and said — THANKS "A-LATTE"

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★ 2/20

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



Difficulty Level ★★★ 2/20

BRIDGE

Niccolo Machiavelli wrote, "There is nothing more difficult to take in hand, more perilous to conduct or more uncertain in its success than to take the lead in the introduction of a new order of things."

So true. Last week, we looked at fourth-suit game-forcing. It was first proposed by Londoner Norman Squire in his book "The Theory of Bidding," which was published in 1957. Impressively, what he wrote then is still the accepted theory today.

This deal features a double that causes debate even among experts. East opens one spade, South overcalls one no-trump, West passes, North raises to three no-trump, and East doubles. What does that double mean?

It cannot be for takeout; it must be for penalty. But which suit is it asking West to lead?

I have read books and articles where the authors say that it insists on a spade lead. But, with all due respect, that is crazy!

What is West going to lead against three no-trump undoubled?

Right – a spade. Even if he has a nice-looking long suit like his hearts in this deal, he has no entry to get in and cash any winners he might be able to establish. East has their points, so West will lead his partner's suit.

East's double must be asking for the lead of a different suit. East has winners ready to cash if West can find the right suit. So, what should West lead?

Given West's diamond shortage, that is his percentage choice. Note that here it turns three no-trump plus one (after a spade or heart lead) into three no-trump minus one.

North 02-20-20
♠ 6 3
♥ A Q 4
♦ 7 5 2
♣ K J 10 9 8

West
♠ 5 2
♥ J 10 9 7 6
♦ 4 3
♣ 7 6 4 3

East
♠ Q J 10 9 8
♥ 5 2
♦ A K Q J 10
♣ 2

South
♠ A K 7 4
♥ K 8 3
♦ 9 8 6
♣ A Q 5

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
			1♠
1NT	Pass	3NT	Dbl.!
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ??

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

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	5	6	8	2			9	
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			1	5				

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

7	3	8	9	4	6	2	5	1
9	2	6	3	5	1	7	4	8
1	5	4	7	8	2	3	9	6
2	8	9	5	7	3	1	6	4
3	7	5	6	1	4	9	8	2
6	4	1	8	2	9	5	7	3
8	6	7	1	3	5	4	2	9
4	9	3	2	6	7	8	1	5
5	1	2	4	9	8	6	3	7

THE GUIDE

Photo provided / Dave Vann

Bonerama performs at 8:30 p.m. Friday The Livery. Tickets are $20-$25.

TODAY

Julia James: 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Environmental Justice Film presents "The River and the Wall": 7 p.m., Berrien Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 4340 Lincoln Ave., St. Joseph; free; 470-1470 or berrienuu.org

Checkmark Sallie: 7-10 p.m., Wegners Lakeside Bar & Grill, 2628 Lake Shore Drive, Niles; free; 683-1558 or wegners-lakeside-bar-grill.business.site

Spring band concert: 7:30 p.m., Southwestern Michigan College's Gallery, Dale A. Lyons Building, 58900 Cherry Grove Road, Dowagiac; 782-1457 or www.swmich.edu

FRIDAY

Southwest Michigan Home & Garden Expo: 5-8 p.m., Lake Michigan College Mendel Center, 2755 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor; free; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

Nicholas James Thomasma: 7-10 p.m., Harbor Light Brewery, 516 Phoenix St., South Haven; 299-7760 or www.harborlightbrewing.com

Chris Burch: 8-10 p.m., Iron Shoe Distillery, 3 N. Third St., Niles; 262-0454 or www.ironshoedistillery.com

Bonerama: 8:30 p.m., The Livery, 190 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; $20-$25; 925-8760 or www.liverybrew.com

The Crawpuppies: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Hard Rock Cafe, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

DJ Wayne: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Dart Board Compromise: 10 p.m., Czar's 505, 505 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; $5; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

SATURDAY

Resurrection Blues Band: 6-10 p.m., The D.A.N.K., 2651 Pipestone Road, Benton Harbor; 926-6652 or www.dank13.org

Andrews University Symphony Orchestra presents "Sweet Dreams": 8 p.m., Andrews University's Howard Performing Arts Center, 4160 E. Campus Circle Drive, Berrien Springs; $6, $4 students, free ages 10 and younger; 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

Marshall Charloff and the Purple Xperience (Prince tribute): 8 p.m., The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks; sold out; 756-3879 or www.acornlive.org

Mardi Gras featuring Red Deluxe: 8 p.m.-midnight (dinner 6:30-8 p.m.), American Legion Post 204, 204 W. Linden St., Three Oaks; $20; 756-2341

Roosevelt Diggs: 8:30 p.m., The Livery, 190 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; $10 suggested admission; 925-8760 or www.liverybrew.com

Roger Hodgson: 9 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Silver Creek Event Center, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; $59-$79; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

The 1985: 10 p.m., Czar's 505, 505 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; $5; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

Hurricane Gumbo: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Hard Rock Cafe, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

DJ Jesse: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Southwest Michigan Home & Garden Expo: 9 a.m.-6 p.m., see Friday

SUNDAY

Jimmy Fastiggi: 2:30-5:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

Michigan Lutheran High School presents "Storytime" (winter band concert): 3 p.m., Michigan Lutheran High School, 615 E. Marquette Woods Road, St. Joseph; free, donations accepted; 429-7861 or www.michigan-lutheran.org

Southwest Michigan Home & Garden Expo: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., see Friday

TUESDAY

Music Trivia: 6:30-9:30 p.m., Front Street Pizza Pub, 510 N. Front St., Niles; 687-4992 or www.frontstreetpizzapub.com

Winter Favorites with Forever Books staff: 7 p.m., Forever Books, 312 State St., St. Joseph; free, reservations requested; 982-1110 or www.foreverbooks.net

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Chris Behre: 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Michigan Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence presents "The Gun Show": 7 p.m., The GhostLight Theatre, 101 Hinkley St., Benton Harbor; $10 suggested donation; michigancoalitiontopreventgunviolence.org, 252-5222 or ghostlightbh.com

FEB. 28

Great Lakes Adventist Academy Vespers: 7 p.m., Andrews University's Howard Performing Arts Center, 4160 E. Campus Circle Drive, Berrien Springs; free; 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

School of American Music presents "Dreams and Visions": 7 p.m., Converge Community Church, 601 W. Buffalo St., New Buffalo; free, tickets encouraged; www.schoolofamericanmusic.com

Delilah DeWylde: 7-10 p.m., Harbor Light Brewery, 516 Phoenix St., South Haven; free; 299-7760 or www.harborlightbrewing.com

Corky Siegel & Ernie Watts with Kalyan Pathak: 8 p.m., The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks; $35-$60; 756-3879 or www.acornlive.org

Kristen Kuiper: 8-10 p.m., Iron Shoe Distillery, 3 N. Third St., Niles; 262-0454 or www.ironshoedistillery.com

PS Dump Your Boyfriend: 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., Front Street Pizza Pub, 510 N. Front St., Niles; 687-4992 or www.frontstreetpizzapub.com

Hillbilly Rockstarz: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Hard Rock Cafe, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

DJ Kenya: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Mysteria: 10 p.m., Czar's 505, 505 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; $5; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

FEB. 29

Winter Delights featuring Six Appeal, Jig-Jam, The Reminders and Bryan Lubeck: 1-10 p.m., Lake Michigan College Mendel Center, 2755 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor; $20-$60; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

Chamber Music with Claudio Gonzalez and Friends: 8 p.m., Andrews University's Howard Performing Arts Center, 4160 E. Campus Circle Drive, Berrien Springs; $6, $4 students and seniors; 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

Nick Bell Band: 8 p.m., The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks; $30-$55; 756-3879 or www.acornlive.org

Free Hat with Mail Order Monsters: 8:30 p.m., The Livery, 190 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; $10 suggested admission; 925-8760 or www.liverybrew.com

The 1985: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Hard Rock Cafe, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

DJ Dubbington: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Whiskey Highway: 10 p.m., Czar's 505, 505 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; $5; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

MARCH 1

Penguins: 1 p.m. (sensory friendly) and 4 p.m. (general audience), Lake Michigan College Mendel Center, 2755 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor; $14-$18; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

Don Savoie: 2:30-5:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

Twin City String Band: 3-5 p.m., Forte Coffee, 2045 Niles Road, St. Joseph; 769-0050 or www.forte.coffee

Name That Tune Trivia: 4-6 p.m., Three Blondes Brewing, 1875 Phoenix St., Suite B, South Haven; free; 872-3911 or www.threeblondesbrewing.com

MARCH 2

Monday Musical Club presents the LaSte Duo: 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 2001 Niles Ave., St. Joseph; www.mmcmi.org

MARCH 3

Music Trivia: 6:30-9:30 p.m., Front Street Pizza Pub, 510 N. Front St., Niles; 687-4992 or www.frontstreetpizzapub.com

The Travelin' McCourys: 7 p.m., The Livery, 190 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; $30-$35; 925-8760 or www.liverybrew.com

MARCH 4

Andrews University Music Festival Showcase Concert: 7 p.m., Andrews University's Howard Performing Arts Center, 4160 E. Campus Circle Drive, Berrien Springs; free; 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

MARCH 5

Open mic with Dave Van Dyke: 7 p.m., Iron Shoe Distillery, 3 N. Third St., Niles; 262-0454 or www.ironshoedistillery.com

Comedy Night followed by karaoke: 9 p.m., Czar's 505, 505 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; $5; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

MARCH 6

DJ Dale Owen: 6-9 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; 849-0109 or www.vineyard2121.com

Ben Traverse: 7-10 p.m., Harbor Light Brewery, 516 Phoenix St., South Haven; 299-7760 or www.harborlightbrewing.com

Andrews University Wind Symphony Vespers: 7:30 p.m., Andrews University's Howard Performing Arts Center, 4160 E. Campus Circle Drive, Berrien Springs; free; 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

Dan Navarro with opener Joe George: 8 p.m., The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks; $30; 756-3879 or www.acornlive.org

The Legal Immigrants: 9 p.m., The Livery, 190 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; $10 suggested admission; 925-8760 or www.liverybrew.com

Spectrum: 10 p.m., Czar's 505, 505 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; $5; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

MARCH 7

Opening reception for "South Haven Artists of Tomorrow: Elementary School Student Exhibition": 1-3 p.m., South Haven Center for the Arts, 600 Phoenix St., South Haven; free; 637-1041 or www.southhavenarts.org

Southwest Michigan's Premier Bridal Show: 1-4 p.m., The Inn at Harbor Shores, 800 Whitwam Drive, St. Joseph; free; 983-1111 or www.innatharborshores.com

Andrews University Choir and Orchestra Music Festival Concert: 4 p.m., Andrews University's Howard Performing Arts Center, 4160 E. Campus Circle Drive, Berrien Springs; free; 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

Ashley Daneman: 7 p.m., Foundry Hall at South Haven Center for the Arts, 600 Phoenix St., South Haven; free; 220-0444 or www.foundryhall.org

The Grass Roots: 8 p.m., The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks; $75-$100; 756-3879 or www.acornlive.org

Erin Zindle & The Ragbirds: 8 p.m., The Livery, 190 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; $10-$15; 925-8760 or www.liverybrew.com

Country Night with Megan Rae Band: 10 p.m., Czar's 505, 505 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; $5; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

Whiskey Highway: 10 p.m.-3 a.m., Front Street Pizza Pub, 510 N. Front St., Niles; 687-4992 or www.frontstreetpizzapub.com

MARCH 8

Chris Behre: 2:30-5:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

Jim Cooper: 4-6 p.m., Harbor Light Brewery, 516 Phoenix St., South Haven; free; 299-7760 or www.harborlightbrewing.com

Howard Performing Arts Center presents Simply Sandi with Sandi Patty: 7 p.m., Andrews University's Howard Performing Arts Center, 4160 E. Campus Circle Drive, Berrien Springs; $17-$35; 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

Howard Jones Acoustic Trio: 8 p.m., The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks; $65-$90; 756-3879 or www.acornlive.org

MARCH 11

Michigan Seventh-day Adventist Elementary Band and String Festival Concert: 7 p.m., Andrews University's Howard Performing Arts Center, 4160 E. Campus Circle Drive, Berrien Springs; free; 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

MARCH 13

2nd annual March Mannequins: 7-8:30 p.m., downtown St. Joseph; free; 985-1111 or www.stjoetoday.com

Open Mic with Bryan Lubeck: 8 p.m., The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks; free, donations encouraged; 756-3879 or www.acornlive.org

Kristen Kuiper: 8-10 p.m., Iron Shoe Distillery, 3 N. Third St., Niles; 262-0454 or www.ironshoedistillery.com

Lewis Black: 9 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Silver Creek Event Center, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; $45-$65; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

MARCH 14

Artist reception for "Elementary Art Exhibition": noon-2 p.m., Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph; free; 983-3688 or boxfactoryforthearts.org

Kettering Praise Orchestra presents "Celtic Celebration": 8 p.m., Andrews University's Howard Performing Arts Center, 4160 E. Campus Circle Drive, Berrien Springs; 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

Switchback: 8 p.m., The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks; $30-$55; 756-3879 or www.acornlive.org

Jared Knox: 9 p.m., Babe's Lounge, 565 Riverview Drive, Benton Harbor; $5; 925-3787

Hey Girl Hey: 10 p.m., Czar's 505, 505 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; $5; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

MARCH 15

Weddings & Whiskey: 1-4 p.m., Journeyman Distillery, 109 Generations Drive, Three Oaks; $8; 820-2050 or journeymandistillery.com

Artist reception for Works by St. Joseph Valley Watercolor Society, painting by Jimmy Brabec, and **"Beauty Within Nature" by Neil Benham:** 2-4 p.m., Buchanan Art Center, 117 W. Front St., Buchanan; free; 697-4005 or buchananartcenter.com

Mike Struwin: 2:30-5:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

Scott Club Concert Series presents Matthew Ball: 3-4:30 p.m., Foundry Hall at Scott Club, 652 Phoenix St., South Haven; free; 220-0444 or www.foundryhall.org

Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra presents "Mozart and the Magical Flute": 4 p.m., Andrews University's Howard Performing Arts Center, 4160 E. Campus Circle Drive, Berrien Springs; $20-$35, $5 students; 982-4030 or smso.org

Name That Tune Trivia: 4-6 p.m., Three Blondes Brewing, 1875 Phoenix St., Suite B, South Haven; free; 872-3911 or www.threeblondesbrewing.com

ONGOING

ART EXHIBITS

"This Is My Brain Healing" by Laura Hanlin, BAC instructor showcase, and **woodcarving by John VanDyke:** through Saturday, **Works by St. Joseph Valley Watercolor Society, painting by Jimmy Brabec**, and **"Beauty Within Nature" by Neil Benham:** Wednesday-April 5, Buchanan Art Center, 117 W. Front St., Buchanan; free; 697-4005 or buchananartcenter.com

"Room to Play" by Lea Bult and **"Assigned Meaning" by Janice Kimball:** through Feb. 27, Southwestern Michigan College's Gallery, Dale A. Lyons Building, 58900 Cherry Grove Road, Dowagiac; free; 782-1457 or www.swmich.edu

"South Haven Artists of Tomorrow: Middle School and High School Student Exhibition": through Feb. 29, South Haven Center for the Arts, 600 Phoenix St., South Haven; free; 637-1041 or www.southhavenarts.org

"2019 Members Show: Inspired by the Greats": through Feb. 29, Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph; free; 983-3688 or boxfactoryforthearts.org

"Lines with Power and Purpose: Editorial Cartoons" and **"Ongoing Matter":** through March 8, Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph; free; 983-0271 or www.krasl.org

Works by Bruce Wrenn: through March 11, The Gallery at The Inn at Harbor Shores, 800 Whitwam Drive, St. Joseph; 983-1111 or www.harborshoresresort.com/the-inn

"Cover": through March 25, ARS Gallery/Arts & Culture Center, 147 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; 277-5090 or artsandculture.org

Northern Indiana Artists Exhibit: through March 29, Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve's Clark Art Gallery, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles; free with regular admission ($10, $7 seniors and students with ID, $5 military and ages 5-17; free members and ages 4 and younger); 695-6491 or www.fernwoodbotanical.org

WEEKLY EVENTS

Music bingo: 7 p.m. Thursdays, LakeHouse Restaurant & Bar, 3029 Lakeshore Drive, St. Joseph; 982-8020 or thelakehouserestaurant.com

Karaoke: 7 p.m. Thursdays, 9:30 p.m. Fridays; Babe's Lounge, 565 Riverview Drive, Benton Harbor; free; 925-3787

Geeks Who Drink Trivia: 7 p.m. Thursdays, Three Blondes Brewing, 1875 Phoenix St., Suite B, South Haven; free; 872-3911 or www.threeblondesbrewing.com

Team trivia: 7 p.m. Thursdays; Sister Lakes Brewing, 92500 CR 690, Dowagiac; free; 332-5135 or www.sisterlakesbrewing.com

Music match trivia: 7 p.m. Thursdays; The Buck Burgers & Brew, 412 State St., St. Joseph; 281-0320 or eatatthebuck.com

Karaoke: 9 p.m. Thursdays; Czar's 505, 505 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

DJ karaoke: 9 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays; Arrowhead Bar & Grill, 20 W. Main St., Hartford; free; 621-4100

Karaoke: 9 p.m. Saturdays; AJ's Uptown Bar and Grill, 102 E. Ferry St., Berrien Springs; 473-1579

Karaoke: 10 p.m. Saturdays, Wednesdays; The Sandbar & Grille, 2701 Lakeshore Drive, St. Joseph; free; 983-9977

Team trivia: 7 p.m. Mondays; The Buck Burgers & Brew, 412 State St., St. Joseph; 281-0320 or eatatthebuck.com

Open mic: 7-9 p.m. Mondays, Uptown Pizza Co., 100 E. Ferry St., Berrien Springs; 473-6007 or www.uptownpizzacompany.com

Open mic: 7 p.m. Tuesdays; St. Joseph-Benton Harbor Elks Lodge 541, 601 Riverview Drive, Benton Harbor; free; 363-4180

Music bingo: 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Sandbar & Grille, 2701 Lakeshore Drive, St. Joseph; free; 983-9977 or www.sandbargrillestjoe.com

Trivia: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Arclight Brewing Co., 544 N. Main St., Watervliet; 332-0718 or www.arclightbrewing.com

Jam sessions: 6-9 p.m. Wednesdays; Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph; $5 suggested donation; 983-3688 or boxfactoryforthearts.org

Open mic: 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays; The Buck Burgers & Brew, 412 State St., St. Joseph; 281-0320 or eatatthebuck.com

Rock 'n' Roll Dance Music with DJ Dale Owen: 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays; Hidden Pointe Hall, 1050 Nickerson Ave., Benton Harbor; $5; 926-1358

Team Trivia: 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays; The Livery, 190 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; free; 925-8760 or www.liverybrew.com

The Guide appears Thursdays in Entertainment. Submissions must include day, time, location, cost and contact information. Submissions must be received by 5 p.m. Friday to appear in the following Thursday. We reserve the right to edit for space and style. Email to Focus@TheHP.com, fax to 429-4398 or mail to Focus, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085. For questions, call Andy Steinke at 932-0363.

DIGGS

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around the country and fine tuned its sound into a blend of folk, country, bluegrass, blues, rockabilly, and rock 'n' roll.

Levi Duddles said, right now, the band is still riding the wave of their 2018 album, "Better Days."

"It's time now to write new songs, and we've been doing that," he said. "We're not exactly sure when well record them, but that's on the horizon."

Levi Duddles said he thought, as the band aged, they'd lose a window of opportunity.

"I was proven wrong," he said. "It's just the opposite. Things are ramping up instead of down, and we're excited as we have ever been. Every show is an opportunity to expose our music to new people. And for the people who have come back again and again, making sure it's still exciting for them."

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Roosevelt Diggs returns to The Livery on Saturday night.

Putting on a high energy show is one of their top priorities. But another is to connect with listeners.

"That's what music is all about," Levi Duddles said. "It's about that exchange from musician to listener, back to musician. I think that is what really helps us connect with people – we want people to enjoy it as much as we are."

He said one of the most rewarding things is writing a song that resonates with someone.

"Over the years, with three different albums, there have been people who say they have a favorite song on that album or it's their favorite song ever," Levi Duddles said. "When I hear something like that, just a wave of emotion comes over me because I try to write songs that mean something to me that also resonates with someone else. So I can't ask for anything more than that. That's a special feeling."

But he said it's also special when an audience sings the band's lyrics back to them.

"Of course, when you start off, you don't get that," he said. "But once you've been around for a while, it's crazy. I remember the first time it happened I was not prepared for what that would mean to me. It never gets old."

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HIGHLIGHTS

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then renowned for the creative ways he "orchestrated" his musical ideas. The piece was written in four movements that total about 45 minutes in performance.

Scheherazade is a heroine character in the Middle Eastern collection of folk tales known as "One Thousand and One Nights," also published as "Arabian Nights."

Tickets for the concert are $6 for adults and $4 for students and seniors. Children younger than 10 are free.

For more information, or tickets, visit howard.andrews.edu, or call 471-3560.

BRIEFS

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At 7 p.m. April 24, The Mendel Center will present "Laughter, Mischief & Comedy" featuring Crawlspace Eviction.

The Kalamazoo-based improv comedians have been together since 2003. They've performed multiple times in the Toronto Improv Festival, Gilda's Laugh Fest, and the Kalamazoo Improv Festival. In 2006, they made an award-winning movie that premiered at AFI Fest in Hollywood.

Crawlspace Eviction performs regularly at their downtown Kalamazoo venue, the Crawlspace Comedy Theatre.

The LMC Improv Club will open for Crawlspace Eviction.

Advance tickets are $13. They are available online at www.themendelcenter.com, by calling 927-8700, option 1, or in person from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays at the box office, 2755 E. Napier Ave.

Tickets will be $18 on the day of show.

NOW PLAYING

Movies in theaters this week.

NEW RELEASES

"Brahms: The Boy II": After a family moves into the Heelshire Mansion, their young son soon makes friends with a lifelike doll called Brahms. Stars Katie Holmes, Owain Yeoman, Christopher Convery, Ralph Ineson and Anjali Jay. Rated PG-13 for terror, violence, disturbing images and thematic elements. Runtime: 86 minutes.

"The Call of the Wild": The blissful domestic life of Buck, a big-hearted dog, is turned upside down when he is suddenly uprooted from his California home and transplanted to the Alaskan Yukon during the Gold Rush of the 1890s. Stars Karen Gillan, Harrison Ford, Jean Louisa Kelly, Dan Stevens and Bradley Whitford. Rated PG for some violence, peril, thematic elements and mild language. Runtime: 100 minutes.

STILL SHOWING

"1917": Two young British soldiers during World War I are given an impossible mission: deliver a message deep into enemy territory that will stop 1,600 men, and one of the soldiers' brothers, from walking straight into a deadly trap. Stars Dean-Charles Chapman, George MacKay, Daniel Mays, Colin Firth and Pip Carter. Rated R for violence, some disturbing images and language. Runtime: 119 minutes.

"Bad Boys for Life": The Bad Boys, Mike Lowrey and Marcus Burnett, are back for one last ride. Stars Will Smith, Martin Lawrence, Alexander Ludwig, Vanessa Hudgens and Joe Pantoliano. Rated R for strong bloody violence, language throughout, sexual references and brief drug use. Runtime: 123 minutes.

"Birds of Prey": After splitting with the Joker, Harley Quinn joins superheroes Black Canary, Huntress and Renee Montoya to save a young girl from an evil crime lord. Stars Margot Robbie, Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Ewan McGregor, Jurnee Smollett-Bell and Rosie Perez. Rated R for strong violence and language throughout, and some sexual and drug material. Runtime: 109 minutes.

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Actor Harrison Ford is shown in a scene from "Call of the Wild."

"Dolittle": A physician discovers he can talk to animals. Stars Robert Downey Jr., Antonio Banderas, Michael Sheen, Jim Broadbent and Jessie Buckley. Rated PG for some action, rude humor and brief language. Runtime: 106 minutes.

"Fantasy Island": Secret dreams of the guests of a magical island resort come true, but when the fantasies turn into nightmares, the guests have to solve the island's mystery to escape with their lives. Stars Lucy Hale, Maggie Q, Portia Doubleday, Charlotte McKinney and Michael Rooker. Rated PG-13 for violence, terror, drug content, suggestive material and brief strong language. Runtime: 110 minutes.

"Jumanji: The Next Level": The gang is back, but the game has changed. As they return to rescue one of their own, the players will have to brave parts unknown – from arid deserts to snowy mountains – to escape the world's most dangerous game. Stars Karen Gillan, Dwayne Johnson, Jack Black, Nick Jonas and Kevin Hart. Rated PG-13 for adventure action, suggestive content and some language. Runtime: 123 minutes.

"Knives Out": A detective investigates the death of a patriarch of an eccentric, combative family. Stars Daniel Craig, Chris Evans, Ana de Armas, Jamie Lee Curtis and Michael Shannon. Rated PG-13 for thematic elements including brief violence, some strong language, sexual references and drug material. Runtime: 130 minutes.

"Sonic the Hedgehog": After discovering a small, blue, fast hedgehog, a small-town police officer must help it defeat an evil genius who wants to do experiments on it. Stars Jim Carrey, Ben Schwartz, James Marsden, Adam Pally and Tika Sumpter. Rated PG for action, some violence, rude humor and brief mild language. Runtime: 99 minutes.

"The Gentleman": A British drug lord tries to sell off his highly profitable empire to a dynasty of Oklahoma billionaires. Stars Matthew McConaughey, Charlie Hunnam, Michelle Dockery, Jeremy Strong and Lyne Renee. Rated R for violence, language throughout, sexual references and drug content. Runtime: 113 minutes.

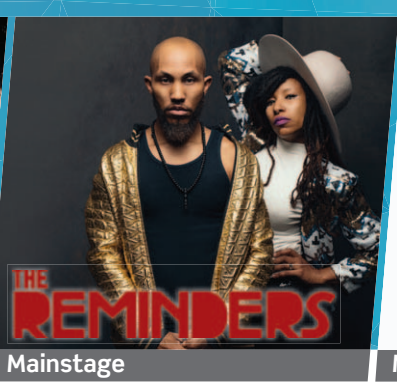
"The Photograph": In a series of intertwining love stories set in the past and the present, a woman must learn from the secrets in her mother's past if she is to move forward and allow herself to love and be loved. Stars LaKeith Stanfield, Issa Rae, Chelsea Peretti, Teyonah Parris and Kelvin Harrison Jr. Rated PG-13 for sexuality and brief strong language. Runtime: 106 minutes.

WINTER Delights FESTIVAL

Music Wines Art Food Craft Beers

The Winter Delights Festival returns for the 10th year with a bigger lineup of beverage tastings including wine, beers, and ciders. More music. More food. And an all-new pop-up Makers Market. All indoors. All at The Mendel Center!

Mainstage



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